

Good morning

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Mostly sunny with highs near 65 degrees. Clear tonight. Lows near 30.
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Way clear for building
Cassia County School District officials could be seeking construction bids by fall for projects approved by voters Tuesday with passage of a \$217.1 million bond election.
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Is he a 'sacrificial lamb'?

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Big Cottonwood Canyon

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The new Twin Falls airport name may have seemed bad at first. But when you get used to it, it's worse, today's editorial says.
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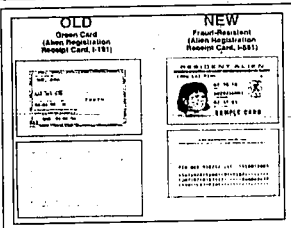
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Spring bubbles in



A mild first day of spring takes Sharon Allred and her daughter, Angela, outdoors for some bubbly fun Wednesday afternoon in Twin Falls.



Samples of old and new 'green cards' are offered by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The new version is designed to thwart counterfeiters.

Immigrants rush for new cards

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Thousands of legal immigrants, some responding to rumors of mass deportations, rushed to federal offices nationwide Wednesday to renew expiring "green cards."
Immigration officials said there was no threat of penalties against those with expired cards. Since late 1993, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has asked those with permanent resident alien permits issued before 1979 to renew their green cards. Those cards expired Wednesday.
But word apparently failed to reach many. "I heard nothing ... whatsoever, not until 6 a.m. on the radio," Larry Healy, a 67-year-old retired railroad worker originally from Ireland, said as he waited in line at the Los Angeles INS office.
"If I had known about it, I would've come one month, two months ago," Healy said. "I'm retired. I have nothing else to do."
Standing next to Healy, 31-year-old South Korean native Sunmi Choi said she only learned of the deadline when her mother woke her and rushed her off downtown. "I just dropped everything and came down here," she said.
An INS spokesman in San Antonio expressed some skepticism that latecomers weren't aware of the deadline.
"We've been in this roughly two years and these folks have had a lot of time to get in and do this," said spokesman Ray Dudley. "A lot of them will say 'I just heard.' But actually, I think they just waited until the last minute."
Still, there was confusion about which document had expired.
Kim Ogden, an INS spokesman in Dallas, said many who showed up at that office worried that other immigration documents were expiring. And rumors were circulating of "mass deporta-

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Lawsuit charges USAF ignored court on range

The Associated Press

BOISE — Conservationists went back to federal court on Wednesday to halt any further development of an expanded bomb training range on southwestern Idaho's high desert, claiming the military has failed to comply with a 1995 court order.

The Greater Owyhee Legal Defense asked U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge to enforce last May's order that the Air Force conduct an environmental analysis of the combined impact of training range expansion and deployment of the composite wing, an advance strike force of fighters, bombers and refueling tankers.

"The Air Force ... is continuing to ignore the complete picture of the composite wing's training activities,"

— Craig Gehrke, The Wilderness Society

The Air Force, with its recently announced Enhanced Training Range in Idaho, is continuing to segment the complete picture of the impacts of the composite wing's training activities," Craig Gehrke of The Wilderness Society said. Lodge ruled on May 9 that the Air Force violated federal law by conducting separate environmental assessments of the composite wing deployment to Mountain Home Air Force Base in 1992 and the base's plan to expand its Saylor Creek Training Range in 1994. But the conservationists contend the Air Force has done nothing to comply

with that order after initially announcing its intention to supplement the original analyses.

Officials at the Mountain Home base declined comment on the latest action. The Air Force did announce in January its intention to conduct an environmental assessment of a new training range expansion proposal that halves again the one torpedied by environmental inter-

ests in the Clinton administration. The latest proposal calls for setting aside about 12,000 acres of primarily federal land east of the sensitive Owyhee, Bruneau and Jarbridge river canyons. The previous proposal, backed by former Gov. Cecil Andrus, involved about

25,000 acres over two locations. When the range debate began back in the late 1980s, the Air Force was discussing more than 2 million acres.

The Air Force has contended throughout that it needs improved training facilities to maintain the readiness of its units, especially the composite wing. But conservationists have repeatedly claimed expanded range endangers bighorn sheep and antelope on the high desert as well as recreational opportunities. And the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes have complained that previous proposals infringed on their sacred grounds.

Activist claims disciples fished free, why can't we?

By Liz Wright Times-News writer

GOODING — An anti-court activist argued in Gooding County court Wednesday that he needs no license to fish in Oster Lakes, but his lengthy constitutional legalese didn't hook the judge.

As Magistrate Kevin Cassidy listened, at one point sighing heavily, the soft-spoken Gerald Laurhammer of Hagerman argued that:

- The Bible makes no mention of fishing licenses. Jesus fished with his disciples, fed 1,000 people on a meal that included two fish and said that man rules over everything including the fish in the sea, Laurhammer further explained in a written motion, according to Gooding County Prosecutor Phil Brown.

- His case should be dismissed because fishing is constitutionally protected, like free speech and the right to bear arms.

- The federal banking act of 1933 illegally allowed maritime law to take over the court system, as symbolized by the gold-braided trim around the United States flag that hang in the courtroom.

The Associated Press

BOSTON — For the first time, brain images have captured the insidious destruction of approaching Alzheimer's disease in people whose thinking and memory are still rich and vigorous.

Combining brain scans with careful genetic screening, doctors can actually see bad spots inside the brain that are the all-but-certain early stages of the devastating illness.

This latest innovation means doctors may be able to diagnose Alzheimer's more than a decade before it actually starts to steal its victims' mental powers. "Accurate and early detection of Alzheimer's disease has been a goal for many years. This study shows it is possible to do that," said Zaven Khachaturian, director of the Alzheimer's Association's Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute, named for the disease's most famous recent victim.

Many experts, however, caution against screening for impending Alzheimer's disease in completely healthy people because no one can predict precisely when

Assault gun ban repeal up for vote

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders, fulfilling a longtime promise to the National Rifle Association, are set to vote Friday on repealing the ban on assault-style firearms.

Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., chief author of the 1994 legislation that banned the weapons, described as "a sneak attack," the expedited scheduling of the vote announced by House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

Until Wednesday, the measure had not even been scheduled for action by the Rules Committee, which must act before a bill goes to the floor.

"This bill is headed straight to the floor faster than an Uzzi's bullet," Schumer told the House.

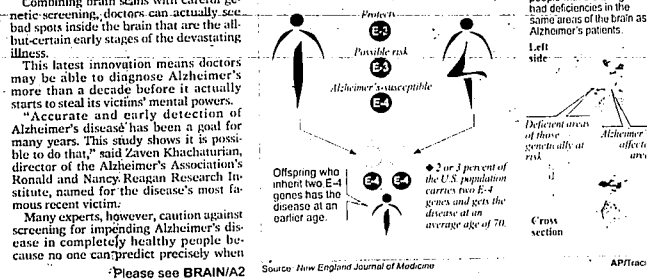
"If the gun lobby has its way, there will be no more ban, but there will be a lot more carnage ... And

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Alzheimer's 'bad spots' found

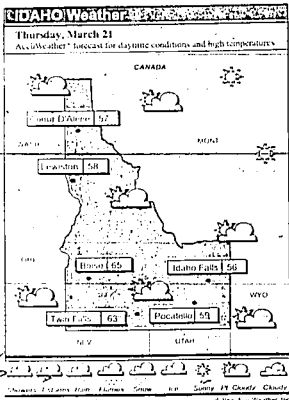
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Through genetic screening and brain imaging, Alzheimer's may be able to be diagnosed a decade before mental powers suffer.



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Weather



Almanac

Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	37	22	0
Idaho Falls	37	22	0
Pocatello	37	22	0
Twin Falls	37	22	0
Butte	37	22	0
Coeur d'Alene	37	22	0
Elgin	37	22	0
Malta	37	22	0
McCall	37	22	0
Proctorville	37	22	0
Salmon	37	22	0
Stanley	37	22	0
Sun Valley	37	22	0

Skywatch

Sunset today 6:51 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:38 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, March 19; first quarter, March 26; full, April 3; last quarter, April 10.
Visible planets: Morning, Jupiter. Evening, Venus, Mercury.

Idaho forecasts

Magical Valley

Mostly sunny today with high, 55 to 65. Clear tonight. Lows in the 30s. Friday partly cloudy with a slight chance of a late day shower or thundershower. Highs 60 to 65. The ultraviolet index forecast is 4, a low exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Saturday cooler and mostly cloudy. A chance of rain showers in the valleys and mountain snow showers. Lows in the 20s to around 30. Highs in the 40s. Sunday fair skies. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s. Monday fair skies. Lows in the 20s to around 30. Highs in the 40s to around 50.

Wood River Valley

Mostly sunny today. Highs in the mid-50s. Tonight fair skies. Lows in the lower 30s. Friday partly cloudy with isolated showers late in the day. Highs in the lower 50s.

Treasure Valley

Mostly sunny today. Highs in the mid-60s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph then northwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Tonight increasing high cloudiness. Lows 35 to 40. Friday partly cloudy with a slight chance of a shower or thundershower in the afternoon. Highs in the mid-60s.

Northern Nevada

Variable high clouds north. Continued warm with high in the mid-60s to mid-70s west. Tonight fair north. Lows in the 30s. Friday windy and cooler. Increasing clouds with a chance of showers over the northern mountains by afternoon. A slight chance of afternoon thundershowers north. Highs in the mid-60s.

Northern Utah

Mostly sunny and continued warm today. Highs near 70. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows near 45. Friday increasing afternoon clouds with near record temperatures. Becoming breezy. Highs in the lower to mid-70s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 4, a low exposure level.

Idaho weather summary

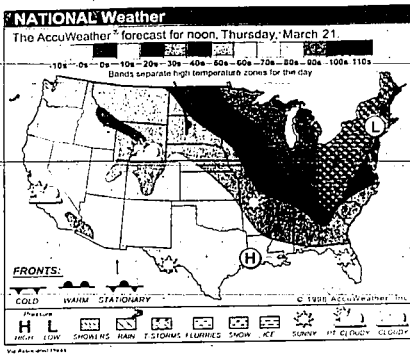
Mild temperatures and sunshine were reported across the state on Wednesday, the first day of spring. Little change is expected until a low pressure system enters Idaho this evening.

In the Magic Valley, a few high, thin clouds appeared at times but sunshine prevailed most of the day. The wind was generally light, although it was brisk for a time around midday.

Afternoon temperatures ranged from the upper 40s to lower 60s across the southern sections of the state. In northern areas, temperatures were in the 50s.

Winds were generally west to northwest at 15 to 20 mph or less. The exception was Idaho Falls, which had southwest winds at 30 mph with gusts to 37 mph.

There were no reports of precipitation from any reporting station.



Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 68 degrees at Hagerman, Low, 25 degrees at Fairfield. Nation: High, 97 degrees at Thermal, Calif. Low, 2 below zero at Hailuoguo, Minn.

For up-to-the-minute weather information

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/dot/dotm.htm>

Snow buries initial day of spring in Eastern states

The Associated Press

A broad storm system spread rain and unseasonably heavy snow across much of the eastern third of the nation Wednesday, closing highways and closing schools on the first day of spring.

Up to 15 inches of snow fell in Indiana and wind blew at 63 mph in the Chicago area. Snowdrifts were 6 feet high on some roads in Kentucky and southern Illinois, and 5 feet high in northern Tennessee.

Waves reached 20 feet high on Lake Michigan, where the surf crashing ashore closed Chicago's small Meigs Field airport on the lakefront.

Schools were closed from Michigan into the northern Whitewater partners, but he can't have the questions in advance, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. denied a request from James and Susan McDougal to compel Clinton to testify in person at their conspiracy and fraud trial.

He said ordering Clinton to travel to Little Rock "would be unduly burdensome to the president ..."

Rejecting Clinton's request to see the questions in advance, Howard said the only reason a president might deserve such special treatment would be if national security were involved.

Howard also rejected Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's request that the questioning be held in a federal courtroom. Howard said it could be held at the White House, but without the presidential insignia displayed.

The judge will preside over the questioning by video conferencing and will rule on any objections.

Cards

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Lack of a new green card doesn't change a person's status as a legal resident. But failure to obtain a new card could pose problems for those who travel abroad and then try to return to the United States, as well as for legal immigrants applying for benefits with the now-expired document.

The INS began the card-replacement effort in November 1993 in an attempt to deter counterfeiting of the green card, which is the agency's most counterfeited document.

Before 1979, there was little consistency in issuing green cards—a misnomer as the cards haven't been green since World War II and the latest ones are pink. Often, the cards were cranked out on typewriters with the photograph affixed with tape and then laminated.

The latest version, dating to 1990, requires a thumbprint and a signature and can be scanned by machine. The cards, which also include several features designed to foil counterfeiters, are printed at an unused INS location in Texas.

Applicants for new cards must fill out a form, submit two photographs and a complete set of fingerprints, and pay a \$75 fee. Cards issued since 1979 must be renewed every 10 years.

It could take up to 10 months to grant the new cards. Temporary green cards or passport stamps can be issued for cardholders who are traveling abroad.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP)—The Idaho Department of Transportation reported major road closures throughout the state were off Wednesday.

Road conditions:
U.S. 95 — Dry.
Interstate 90 — Dry.
U.S. 12 — Dry.
Interstate 84 — Dry.
Idaho 55 — Dry.
Idaho 21 — Boise-Lowman, Dry.
Idaho 28 — Dry.

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National temperatures

	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	64	32	0
Atlanta	52	39	0
Boise	52	39	0
Chicago	52	39	0
Dallas	54	35	0
Denver	58	17	0
Durham	51	39	0
El Paso	51	39	0
Houston	61	68	0
Indianapolis	52	30	0
Kansas City	45	25	0
Las Vegas	76	56	0
Los Angeles	66	31	0
Memphis	46	31	0
Minneapolis	43	27	0
Milwaukee	35	28	0
Minneapolis	37	25	0
New Orleans	60	33	0
New York	45	40	87
Oakland	50	26	0
Omaha	61	32	0
Phoenix	89	58	0
Pittsburgh	36	33	60
Portland, Me.	31	36	57
Reno	72	30	0
San Diego	42	31	06
San Francisco	69	37	0
Seattle	56	42	0
Spokane	50	31	0
Washington	47	39	0

For information call

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Boise, 276-8028; Shoshone, 888-2266; Pocatello, 233-6724; Rigby, 745-2276; Ula, 801-964-0400; the Elks, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

Illegal aliens may lose schooling

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House voted Wednesday to let states deny free public education to children of undocumented aliens—a move opponents derided as going too far in the fight against illegal immigration.

Despite a 1982 Supreme Court ruling saying all children—regardless of their legal status—are entitled to free public education under equal protection guarantees in the Constitution, the House voted 257-167 on Tuesday to allow states to deny that right to children of illegal immigrants.

After an appeal by Speaker Newt Gingrich, the House also voted to impose new English proficiency requirements on skill-based immigrants.

Gingrich said the amendment, approved 210-207, sends the message "We're eager for you to come to America ... but learn English so you can get a job and you can function in American society, and you can truly be a part of the American way of life."

The measure requires some proficiency in English for those foreigners who cite their job skills to win entry and 27,000 other immigrants from countries that rarely send people to the United States. It does not cover aliens who cite remaining with their families as the reason for seeking legal immigration.

Gingrich also went to the House floor earlier to argue for the amendment to let states turn away illegal immigrants from the schoolhouse door—and drew furious criticism for his efforts.

"I say shame on you Mr. Speaker," said Rep. John Bryant of Texas, the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee's immigration panel.

Gingrich, R-Ga., said providing free public education to illegal aliens was costing California a minimum of \$1.7 billion a year, New York \$634 million, Florida \$424 million and Texas \$419 million.

Brain

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the disease will start — or do anything to stop it.

The new technique is part of a whirlwind of research that over the last three years has brought doctors much closer to understanding and perhaps even treating Alzheimer's disease. All of it stems from the surprise discovery that a gene implicated in heart disease also appears to be involved in most Alzheimer's cases.

Dr. Eric M. Reiman and colleagues from Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Phoenix began with a blood test for the suspect gene and coupled its results with a form of brain imaging called positron-emission tomography — PET for short. They published their results in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The gene is known as apolipoprotein E, or apo E. It comes in three varieties — apo E-2, E-3 and E-4. It turns out that the E-4 version of the gene protects people from getting Alzheimer's, while E-4 makes it start at a younger age. The risk from E-3,

the most common apo E gene, falls in between.

Since each person inherits two copies of every gene, one from each parent, everybody has one of six possible combinations of apo E, and each confers a different risk of Alzheimer's. However, no combination guarantees development of the disease.

Scientists have determined, however, that people born with two E-3 genes develop Alzheimer's 15 years later, on average, than people with two E-4s. With a combination of one E-3 and one E-2, the typical onset is later still.

About one-third of Americans carry one E-4 gene, but the worst genetic luck is to inherit two E-4s. These people, who make up 2 percent to 3 percent of the U.S. population, get Alzheimer's at an average age of 70.

An estimated 4 million Americans have Alzheimer's, and 100,000 die of its effects every year.

Reiman's team set out to see if they could find signs of damage in people with the double E-4 genetic susceptibility.

Faulty-product bill moves near vote in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a victory for Republican leader Bob Dole, legislation aimed at capping damage awards in faulty-product lawsuits got a boost toward Senate passage Wednesday.

It faces a promised veto by President Clinton.

Dole, who is Clinton's likely rival in November, had pushed hard to move the bill past legislative roadblocks and toward a confrontation with the White House.

In a tally that cut across party lines, the bill's supporters mustered the minimum 60 votes needed to end debate and proceed to a decision on the compromise bill pushed by business groups. Forty senators voted the other way.

Twelve Democrats broke ranks and voted to end debate, and five Republicans opted not to shut off debate.

Opponents said the razor-thin margin of the vote was a sign Congress could not override Clinton's veto.

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POWERBALL NUMBER 35
Wednesday March 20 NUMBERS
LOTTO
02 08 10 12 19 20
Wednesday March 20 NUMBERS
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Nation

Dole travels great distance after New Hampshire vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the Ford Bronco navigated through a driving rain, Bob Dole's secretary cradled his cellular phone against his shoulder and scribbled numbers on his notepad.

The candidate and his wife looked on nervously. It was not what they wanted to hear, so bad even the volunteer driver cringed: exit polls suggested Dole might run third in the New Hampshire primary. As Elizabeth sat in stunned silence, Dole asked a few perfunctory questions about the numbers. Then he, too, sat quietly for the rest of the ride, wondering if it was not to be.

Again. Four short weeks later, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole is the assured Republican presidential nominee. The man teetering on the verge of collapse in New Hampshire is now his party's undisputed leader, chief legislative architect, and the man charged with shaping a full agenda against President Clinton.

"I know what it feels like to lose," he said in an interview Tuesday, his triumphant night when a four-state Midwest primary sweep gave him enough delegates to claim the nomination. "Winning feels a whole lot better."

Especially after coming so close to losing. Dole's journey from his April 1995 announcement to clinching the nomination nearly a year later was a roller-coaster ride from prohibitive favorite to fragile front-runner. He lost the title altogether when a weak Iowa win was followed by a string of defeats: New Hampshire, Delaware, Arizona.

Always a reserved campaigner, Dole had prepared for a battle royal against Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, or perhaps former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander. Instead, the consummate insider's biggest obstacles were two candidates with a shared anti-establishment, anti-Dole theme: Pat Buchanan and Steve Forbes.

"Sometimes you get surprised in this business," he said in a January conversation. To those who expected Dole to fail again, as he did in two prior White House runs, the biggest surprise of all was Dole himself. He was blamed for micromanaging his last campaign. This time, he has largely let aides run the show, with his oversight.

The legendary temper, it was said, would appear and doom him at a critical moment. At age 72, there was the question of whether he had the stamina for a grueling campaign — particularly because he defiantly said he would not relinquish his Senate leadership. Another giant uncertainty was House Speaker Newt Gingrich, never a Dole fan. Team Dole carefully cultivated the speaker during tumultuous legislative year, and in the end, Gingrich came to respect Dole's judgment and admire his tenacity.

For all the assets of the majority leader's office, Dole aides knew the nomination would not be won in Washington, or through the steady stream of endorsements from senators and governors. Dole had to convince a decidedly conservative Republican base he understood — and embraced — their concerns.

Two giant steps came barely 15 hours apart.

As he arrived in New Hampshire after announcing his candidacy back home in Kansas, Dole released a pledge not to raise income taxes — the very pledge he had refused to sign in 1988.

The next day, in Columbus, Ohio, he said: "We must hold Hollywood accountable for putting profit ahead of common decency," Dole said, sticking carefully to a script. "Our music movies and advertisements regularly push the limits of decency, bombarding our children with destructive messages of casual violence and even more casual sex."

Just a few weeks earlier, when handed early drafts of the speech, he was uncertain about this part. But when he delivered the words in Columbus, Dole knew applause would follow.

Speechwriter Mari Maseng Will had prevailed on Dole to rehearse snippets of the speech, and video clips were shown to campaign focus groups. "Hollywood tested off the charts," recalls one senior aide.

Dole barely beat Buchanan in Iowa, 26 percent to 23 percent. In New Hampshire, polls showed Alexander moving up after his third-place Iowa showing. Deputy communications director Kevin Stach and media adviser Don Sipple urged ads casting Alexander as a tax-raising governor.

Bill Lacy, the veteran Dole adviser in charge of media strate-

Primary results

Bob Dole clinched the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday with a Midwest primary sweep

THE VOTE	Ill.	Mich.	Ohio	Wis.
% precincts reporting	95%	100%	100%	99%
Dole	64%	51%	66%	53%
Alexander	3	1	2	2
Buchanan	23	34	22	34
Forbes	5	5	6	6
Keyes	4	3	3	3
Lugar	1	0	1	1
Delegates for the winner:	69	34	67	36
	69	57	67	36

gy, viewed Buchanan as the threat and ordered up an ad labeling the commentator "too extreme to be president." Stach, Sipple and others protested, warning it would only incite Buchanan and his supporters.

Buchanan would win, with 28 percent. Dole eked out a second place finish. He retreated to a bedroom of his hotel suite for a

moment of private reflection that night, recalling his 1988 New Hampshire defeat and wondering if he would fail again. Four days later he lost Delaware to Forbes.


He thought he was going to win, thought his pollster had assured him he would. Instead, Forbes was back in the hunt. And Buchanan was on the warpath, still bitter about the "extreme" ad.

Campaign manager Scott Reed made the case to demote Lacy and fire the polling firm. Longtime adviser Robert Lighthizer told Dole the power sharing arrangement between Reed and Lacy wasn't working — Dole had to choose. Reed stayed; Lacy and the pollsters went. Forbes also won Campbell. Dole had South Carolina wired. Bush's firewall was now Dole's firewall. It wasn't even close: Dole 45 percent, Buchanan 29 percent. A string of lopsided primary wins would follow.

This time, the folks who had been with George Bush were now in Dole's corner, part of his meticulous effort to amend his 1988 defeat. Thanks to Gov. David Beasley and former Gov. Carroll Campbell, Dole had South Carolina wired. Bush's firewall was now Dole's firewall. It wasn't even close: Dole 45 percent, Buchanan 29 percent. A string of lopsided primary wins would follow.



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Nation

On the issues

The industrial Midwest will be an important battleground in the November presidential election. One test of the sentiments of blue-collar workers will come in Tuesday's Midwest Republican primaries.

Here's what President Clinton and GOP candidates, Pat Buchanan and Sen. Bob Dole have said on four issues important to organized labor:

STRIKES REPLACEMENT:
Clinton: Issued order — recently overturned by appeals court — banning federal contracts with companies that replace strikers with permanent replacements. Failed to win legislation in former Democrat-controlled Senate to prohibit companies overall from hiring permanent replacements.

"The right of workers to strike has long been one of America's unyielding freedoms."

Dole: Engaged in Senate filibuster that blocked legislation to prohibit use of permanent replacement workers. Criticized Clinton's later executive order on federal contracts as an end run around legislative process.

"This is all about politics. This is about 1996 and President Clinton trying to shore up his base."

BUCHANAN: Said issue needs study.

"I think that we Republicans ought to take a look at our position, and not contribute anything that increases the economic insecurity of working men and women in this country, and their families. In the past, I've been on basically the Republican side of this."

MINIMUM WAGE:
Clinton: Favors increase.

"More and more Americans are working hard trying to live on the minimum wage, which has hit a 40-year low in purchasing power and is no longer enough to support a family: \$4.25 an hour is not a living wage. Raising the minimum wage by 50 cents an hour over two years to \$5.15 would enable working Americans to provide for their families."

BUCHANAN: Opposes increase.

"Raising the minimum wage would cut off the bottom rungs of the economic ladder. Thus, I oppose such increases."

DOLE: Opposes increase.

"Many economists argue that an increase in the minimum wage will result in fewer job opportunities for those seeking to enter the work force for the first time. I believe we can create more and better-paying jobs by balancing the federal budget, providing tax relief for American families, and reducing the regulatory burden on our nation's small businesses."

FREE TRADE:
Clinton: Upset organized labor by pushing for North American and world trade agreements.

"The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and North American Free Trade Agreement have eliminated tariffs in sectors where the United States is most competitive overseas. As a result, we have opened new foreign markets for American products, boosted U.S. exports, added billions of dollars to our GDP and produced hundreds of thousands of good-quality jobs at home."

BUCHANAN: Opposes. Would open United States out of NAFTA, opposes World Trade Organization favored under world trade pact and favors tariffs on cars, computers, Chinese and third-world imports.

"In 1995, NAFTA cost the U.S. 300,000 lost jobs, brought us a multi-billion-dollar trade deficit and put American taxpayers on the hook for most of a \$50 billion bailout of Mexico. I favor free and fair trade only with free and fair traders."

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DOLE: Favors. Has raised concerns.

"I supported the North American Free Trade Agreement and the GATT agreements because I support opening foreign markets to U.S. goods and services. At this time, we need to step back and assess whether these agreements have, in fact, benefited working Americans as originally hoped. On the issue of GATT, it is my hope that Congress will soon pass legislation, that I introduced, that would allow us to withdraw from the World Trade Organization if the United States' rights are being abridged by bureaucrats in Geneva."

RIGHT TO WORK:
Clinton: As Arkansas governor, supported state's right-to-work law that discourages fully unionized work places. With right to work now in effect in 21 states, he has said little about it as president.

DOLE: Both sides in right-to-work debate consider him favorable to the idea but not aggressive in fighting for it. Took offense at the business interests that have criticized him for not moving fast enough on a national right-to-work law. "I don't know if they know who their friends are."

BUCHANAN: "I'm for the right of the states to do that, yes. I've held that position consistently."

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Nation

Brothers convicted in slaying

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A jury convicted Lyle and Erik Menendez of first-degree murder Wednesday for the 1989 slayings of their parents in their Beverly Hills mansion, rejecting the claim that the brothers killed to end years of abuse.

The jury's decision that the brothers were guilty of special circumstances of lying in wait and multiple murders made them eligible for the death penalty. The judge ordered a penalty phase trial to begin Monday.

The brothers were deathly pale as the verdicts were read by the court clerk. But neither Erik, 25, nor Lyle, 28, showed any emotion.

Their grandmother and other family members seated in the audience remained calm.

The jury, which had deliberated for nearly four days after two alternates were substituted for regular jurors, maintained somber, impassive faces as they answered "Yes" individually on whether they agreed with the verdicts.

With a packed courtroom and an overflow of reporters and spectators jamming the hallways, the judge issued a gag order on lawyers and all participants in the case in fear that their comments might affect the sentencing phase.

Prosecutor David Conn, who had taken over the case after two earlier jurors died, left the courtroom with his face flushed and a broad smile, declaring, "I feel great."

The case went to the jury March 1, but negotiations had to restart Thursday when illness forced the judge to replace two panelists with alternates.

Former O.J. houseguest sues tabloids

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brian "Kato" Kaelin is suing two tabloid newspapers for \$15 million each, claiming they libeled him by printing false allegations tying him to the homicides of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman.

Kaelin sued the National Examiner and the Globe Tuesday, and asked both for retractions.

Simpson was acquitted of murder last fall in the slayings of his ex-wife and Goldman. Kaelin, a prosecution witness, was Ms. Simpson's former tenant and a houseguest of Simpson at the time of the slayings.

Kaelin said both newspapers published articles containing false claims, including that Kaelin saw Simpson drenched in blood and helped him dispose of bloody clothing.

Referring to a headline in the National Examiner, Kaelin's attorney, Gary L. Bostwick, said his client "has reached his limit on people saying things as outrageous as 'Cops Think Kato Did It.'"

Evangelist's 2nd spouse sentenced

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Contractor Roe Messner, the second husband of evangelist Tammy Faye Bakker, was sentenced Wednesday to more than two years in federal prison for bankruptcy fraud.

Messner, 60, who built the Heritage USA religious theme park for televangelist Jim Bakker, Tammy Faye's first husband, was convicted of five counts of bankruptcy fraud on Nov. 22.

Messner showed no emotion as he was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Wesley Brown, sitting at the table in front of him or around the courtroom during the proceedings. He declined to make a statement.

His wife did not appear at the hearing.

Body of dam victim found in N.H. river

ALTON, N.H. (AP) — The body of a woman was found six days after her pickup truck was swept into a ravine by 92 million gallons of water released by a broken dam.

Divers found Lynda Sinclair's body at the bottom of the Merrymeeting River amid debris, ice and mud Tuesday. It was the first day divers were able to search the waters since shortly after the accident.

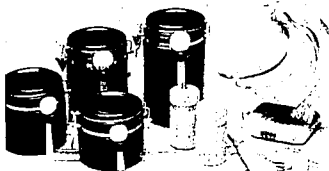
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Nation

President Clinton's 1997 budget plan explained for taxpayers

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Q: Why should I care about President Clinton's 1997 budget plan?
A: For one thing, it's your tax dollars. And whether you like it or not, federal spending is a big part of the economy, accounting for about 22 cents out of every \$1 spent.

Q: But won't the Republican majority in Congress reject most of what Clinton wants?

A: They'll probably kill most of his new initiatives, so don't get too excited or exercised about any major tax and spending changes. But the budget debate is still important. It will define key differences in the presidential campaign between Clinton and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the

likely Republican nominee.

Q: What's all the arguing about?

A: Over how to balance the federal budget. Both Clinton and Republicans in Congress say they want to balance the budget in seven years, but they have different ideas about how to do it. Clinton's budget reflects his approach, while the budget passed by the Republicans and vetoed by Clinton reflects theirs. However, there's a lot that both sides agree on — such as leaving Social Security intact.

Q: Where do they differ?
A: Compared with the Republicans, Clinton would spend more on Medicare and Medicaid, and give fewer new tax cuts. Their dispute was behind the two government shutdowns a few months ago.

Q: How big is the federal budget?

A: The government is expected to spend \$1.64 trillion in fiscal 1997, which begins next Oct. 1. That's \$1,640,000,000,000. Looking at it another way, it's about \$6,100 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

Q: How much of that money comes from individual income taxes?

A: About 39 percent. Another 34 percent comes from payroll taxes such as Social Security and Medicare. The government gets the rest of its money from corporate taxes, excise taxes, and borrowing.

Q: Will my taxes be affected by Clinton's plan?

A: They might be if Clinton's tax changes were adopted by Congress. But don't count on that happening this year. Tax changes appear unlikely to become law without a

deal on a balanced budget, and that doesn't look like it's in the cards.

Q: How would Clinton cut taxes?

A: He's proposed several cuts: The biggest one would be a family tax credit for each dependent child under age 13. The credit would be phased in, starting at \$300 per child in tax years 1996, 1997 and 1998, and rising to \$500 per child in 1999 and beyond. It would be phased out for taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes between \$50,000 and \$75,000 and up.

Q: Any other tax cuts?

A: The other big one would be a tax deduction of up to \$5,000 a year for eligible education and training expenses in 1996, 1997 and 1998. Beginning in 1999, it would rise to \$10,000. For taxpayers filing jointly, it would be phased out at incomes of about \$100,000.

Q: How about tax increases?

A: Clinton wants to reduce or eliminate some corporate tax breaks and tax preferences that he considers unwarranted. Most of the changes involve fairly obscure parts of the tax code. One change would use a new method to calculate capital gains for some investors. That would increase taxes by \$4.1 billion over seven years.

Q: Where does most of the federal spending go?

A: The elderly are, by far, the biggest beneficiaries of federal spending. Social Security accounts for 22 percent of federal spending. Medicare and Medicaid — which help pay for health care and nursing home care for the elderly — are other giant programs. They account for about 17 percent of federal spending.



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Nation

Justices uphold '90 census count

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 1990 census results Wednesday despite an admitted undercount of minorities, a decision that will cost big cities huge amounts of federal aid.

The government made an "extraordinary effort" to include minorities in the census count, and the secretary of commerce was authorized to decide not to adjust the figures, the court said.

Cities including New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago said the undercount deprives minorities of political representation and government money. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said the decision will cost his city alone hundreds of millions of dollars in federal aid.

Census figures are used to draw congressional and state election districts and to distribute federal financial aid. Changing the 1990 census would have stripped Wisconsin of one seat in the House and added one for California.

"We hold that the secretary's decision was well within the constitutional bounds of discretion over the conduct of the census provided to the federal government," Chief Justice William H.

Who challenged?

The cities and counties that challenged the validity of the 1990 census count because the government refused to adjust it to make up for an admitted undercount of minorities:

New York; Los Angeles; Chicago; Baku County, Fla.; Atlanta; Phoenix; Cleveland; Denver; Inglewood, Calif.; New Orleans; Oakland; Pasadena, Calif.; Philadelphia; San Antonio; Also San Francisco; Broward County, Fla.; Baltimore; Boston; Long Beach, Calif.; San Jose, Calif.; Los Angeles County; San Bernardino County, Calif.; District of Columbia; Tucson, Ariz.

Rehnquist wrote for the court.

Rehnquist noted that those who challenged the census did not contend the decision against adjusting the figures was based on intentional racial discrimination.

Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle called the ruling "a great victory for Wisconsin." The census count in the state was highly accurate and "I am glad we are not being punished for doing a good job," he said.

But Tom Cochran, executive director of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, said, "This is an issue of equity and fairness and it's inexcusable that the federal government will knowingly undercount over five million citizens of the United States of America."

The Constitution requires an "actual enumeration" of U.S. citizens every 10 years and allows Congress to decide how it will be done. Congress has turned that authority over to the secretary of commerce.

The Clinton administration argued that the 1990 count was the most thorough census in history. The count missed about 4 million in a population of 248 million to 253 million, Solicitor General Drew S. Days III told the court in January.

The Commerce Department made special efforts to find people likely to be missed, but acknowledged it missed about 1.6 percent of the population, including about 4.8 percent of blacks and 5.2 percent of Hispanics.

President Bush's commerce secretary decided not to adjust the census figures, saying the adjusted figures appeared to be less

accurate than the original count. That decision was challenged in federal court by a group of local governments and private organizations, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

A federal judge refused to order an adjustment, but the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the judge to reconsider the case using a higher legal standard. The right to have one's vote counted equally is a fundamental right, the appeals court said.


The Clinton administration appealed the ruling, joined by Wisconsin and Oklahoma.

In reversing the 2nd Circuit court's ruling, the justices noted that the 20 census counts conducted in U.S. history have never been error-free.

Thomas Jefferson thought the first census in 1790 significantly undercounted the population, Rehnquist said.

Indeed, he added, "One might wonder how the Census Bureau is able to determine whether there is an undercount and its size. Specifically: against what standard are the census results measured?"

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'Reformist,' challenger loom over coming race

DALLAS (AP) — Ross Perot says he's ready to run if his Reform Party calls him — and some folks want to give him extra company.

Another set of party organizers began a nationwide effort Wednesday to get Pat Buchanan on the November ballot.

Perot sped through a round of television interviews in his hometown of Dallas on Wednesday, a day after saying that if members of the Reform Party want him to run, "Then certainly, I would give it everything I have."

He was evasive in the latest interviews about whether he is likely to be the group's nominee, saying, "This is not about me. My job is to create the Reform Party."

But he again seemed to signal he would heed the call if drafted: "At I have said a thousand times, I will take out the trash, I will cut the grass... I will do whatever I have to do to make sure we pass on a better, stronger country to our children."

Perot could clarify his intentions on Friday, when he appears on his favorite public forum, Larry King's TV talk show on CNN. He first opened himself up to a 1992 presidential run on King's show.

Buchanan, meanwhile, is the candidate of choice if the U.S. Taxpayers Party can get him on ballots around the country either



Buchanan Perot

as the Taxpayers' candidate or as an independent.

Buchanan, campaigning in California, said his backers are "deeply alienated" from the GOP but he plans to keep running as a Republican through the convention.

"I decided to go to go was in the Republican Party and bring back the Perot voters and the lost Reagan Democrats back to the GOP and I'm still going in that direction," he said.

A Texas organizer for Buchanan was more hopeful about prospects for a Buchanan-Taxpayers Party alliance. "The Taxpayers Party will try to get on in 50 states. If that happens, Mr. Buchanan will have to consider something and he will consider it strongly," said Tom Staley, North Texas chairman for Buchanan. "It would be hard to turn down... a party who likes and wants you."

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Letters

Chisholm took the time; others should do likewise

When Gov. Phil Batt signed the deal to accept nuclear waste into Idaho for "temporary storage," many Idahoans cried foul. Not unjustly, Batt countered his critics by asking where they'd been while he was negotiating the deal and why they didn't see fit to raise a fuss before, rather than after, the pact was finalized. Well, I plead guilty: I'm one of those people who neglected to raise a ruckus. Like most people, I've been too busy leading my own life, going to work, raising a child, maintaining a home, etc. But as your Sunday profile pointed out, Bill Chisholm wasn't too busy. With a handful of other people, he's been fighting this battle for as long as I can remember, and he's done it in an eloquent, diplomatic manner. Some people would argue that throwing paint on a train was uncalled for, I can only view it as a victimless crime of conscience, committed in an effort to call attention to what Chisholm aptly characterizes as the "rape" of Idaho.

I'm taking time now to stand up for Bill. He went to jail in Pacetville, and all he is asking is that our leaders make an effort to seriously address the nuclear waste issue. If we are going to use nuclear power, its waste must be stored where it is produced. No other disposal method is acceptable or suitable, least of all any that requires waste to be shipped across the continent.

JULIE FANSELOW
Twin Falls

Was airport name meant to give people a laugh?

What a surprise! The Twin Falls County commissioners and the Twin Falls City Council have actually increased unity among the residents of Twin Falls and Jerome counties. They have also brought humor into our lives of anyone reading *The Times-News*.

The Times-News now has two comic sections, the original comic page and now the letters to the editor. Instead of people being unpleasant and sometimes hateful when they disagree with someone, they have become humorous. The little says laughter does good like a medicine. The county commissioners and City Council may have only had the people in mind when they renamed the airplane landing area south of Twin Falls. They wanted to aid the locals to better health.

This goes to show that we can disagree without being rude and hate-

ful. It also proves we have some very creative people around here. The name of the airport is not going to the slight and, most of all, the atmosphere the people reflect. If there is strife, conflict and unfriendly attitudes, people will not want to subject themselves to that just to see a long hole in the ground and water falling over some rocks.

Why not see if we can produce a pleasant, friendly atmosphere to draw people to that just to see the name "Idaho's South Central Regional Airport: Gateway to the Great Rift and Sun Valley" is ridiculous?

JENEAL CHAPMAN
Jerome

Let's wait to see regional marketing plan unveiled

The Times-News should be commended for its news coverage about our new airport name. It's the most amusing local story in recent memory. However, I think we all should support the chamber's position of withholding judgment until we hear how the new name dovetails into their strategic regional marketing plan. There is much to learn about selling the Great Rift and other cherished geological features.

Of course, it is sound marketing to associate our airport with "world famous" Sun Valley. We've long been a gateway to Sun Valley, just as we've long been the hub or hubcap of this area. Perhaps Sun Valley could use a portion of its marketing budget for cooperative promotions tied to the new airport name.

Together, we could focus on exciting new destination activities. Perhaps a ski package combined with adventure travel: "Ski the Rift," five days skiing and bushing in luxury accommodations, followed by two days huddled in a lava tube or maybe a "Night at the Rift," an apres-ski adventure for survivalists.

And there is no reason such efforts can't be built into year-around promotions. In the summer, the Rift will provide a dramatic break from the pleasant mountain climate of the Wood River Valley. A few days cycling, fishing, hiking, ice skating, succeeded by a few days fire-walking on sizzling black lava flows.

During the slack spring and fall tourist seasons one could escape the dull, in-between weather of the mountains for an exciting breath of desert air - presumably whistling by at a refreshing 50 miles per hour.

An important point to consider: A

catchy airport name could become a powerful marketing tool. Don't forget what we've accomplished with our "Famous Potatoes" tags. We may chuckle, but everyone loves them. Better than simply a catchy name, we may now also have a memorable acronym scored into our exotic travel daydreams just like JFK, DIA, LAX, SeaTac, O'Hare, SFO and so on. How about ISACGRASV? Literally rolls off the tongue like a romantic Czech surname.

So let's all remain calm and wait until the regional marketing plan is unveiled and the white hot spotlight of insight illuminates the collective "say what?" echoing throughout southern Idaho.

DAVID MCCOLLUM
Twin Falls

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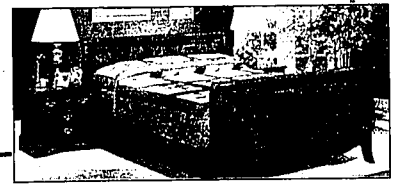


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Sports

Next: Sweet 16

Texas Tech, Utah, others aim to step up in NCAA tourney

The Associated Press

Texas Tech has lost only once in 31 games this season and is coming off a 19-point win over North Carolina. So why are the Red Raiders heavy underdogs to Georgetown, a seven-time loser, as the NCAA tournament's final 16 teams begin play?

Maybe because Georgetown is Georgetown and Texas Tech has never reached the Sweet 16 before and will play the last game ever for the Southwest Conference, never known for its basketball prowess.

"We have an image that we're out there somewhere that can't be reached," says Rod Brockbrath, Texas Tech's athletic director.

"I also think people are reluctant to play us because they might get beat, and who wants to get beat by a team that doesn't have a lot of name recog-



**Tourney
standings
- B3**

Tech on Thursday night in the first game of the NCAA East Regional. Top-ranked Massachusetts (33-1) plays Arkansas (20-12) in the second game.

In the Midwest Regional, second-

ranked Kentucky (30-2) faces Utah

(27-6) and Wake Forest (25-5) plays

Louisville (22-11) at Minneapolis.

All those teams have a lot more

NCAA experience than Texas Tech,

which in its opening game barely got

by with a 74-73 win over Northern Illi-

nois, the 14th seed in the East. But

then came Sunday.

"Obviously, the past weekend was

great for our program," said coach

James Dickey, hardly a coaching

name to be compared with North Car-

olina's Dean Smith or Georgetown's

John Thompson. "After Friday, we

talked to a lot of players and coaches

who had been in the NCAA tourna-

ment. One thing they all agreed on is

the first game is always the most dif-

icult to win. We were happy to get by

with a one-point win."

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Why is this man smiling? Utah coach Rick Majors - taking his team through workouts Wednesday in Minneapolis - is dead serious about facing No. 2 Kentucky today. See Page B3.

Morning line

Sportsquote

"Purdue is the biggest choking dog team in the worst choking dog conference. Purdue couldn't have been a shakier No. 1 seed if it played its home games on the San Andreas fault."

"

- Washington Post's Tony Kornheiser on the NCAA tourney first weekend

Briefly

Jerome men slate golf season opener

JEROME — The Jerome Country Club men's golf association will conduct its kickoff breakfast and blind draw scramble Sunday.

The date is a change from the originally-dated Saturday.

Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. followed by a short business meeting.

Members are asked to attend the breakfast and meeting.

Still time to sign up for youth soccer league in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Soccer players ranging from 7 to 10 years of age may register now for the spring season.

Information and sign-up forms are available from Skip McFarland at Hastings Video or by calling 733-0345.

Twin Falls coed softball league meeting set next week

TWIN FALLS — An organization meeting for the Twin Falls coed softball league is set for 7:30 p.m. March 28 in the council chambers at city hall.

Individuals seeking team affiliation should call 734-5369 after 5:30 p.m. Any new teams that are forming should call the same number.

Gooding Jaycees sponsor smoker; groups will benefit

GOODING — The four-annual Gooding Jaycees boxing smoker is set at 7:30 p.m. April 6 in the Gooding High School gymnasium.

The card features 15 high school bouts, four adult fights (including Chris Harbaugh) and one "special" bout.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$10 reserved or reserved floor. They can be purchased at Hub City Auto Parts in Wendell, Shoe and Tack in Jerome, Land Title and Escrow or Selfers Jewelers in Gooding.

Proceeds benefit the 5th District High School Rodeo Association, Gooding High School, Gooding Jaycees Community Projects and the Ed Stover family.

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College baseball
McDonald's Slap-out Invitational
(at Front Street)
Prairie Baseball Academy vs. CSI, 11 a.m.
Ricks vs. Prairie Baseball Academy, 2:30 p.m.
Tacoma vs. CSI, 6 p.m.

(at Brann Field)
Ricks vs. Tacoma, 10:30 a.m.
Green River vs. Walla Walla, 2 p.m.

High school golf
Twin Falls vs. Centennial at Shadow Valley Golf Course, 3 p.m.
Minico at Burley, 4 p.m.

High school baseball
Jerome at Buhl, doubleheader, 3 p.m.
Minico at American Falls, 4 p.m.

High school football
Wood River at Wendell, 3 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Minico, 3 p.m.
Skyline at Burley, doubleheader, 4 p.m.

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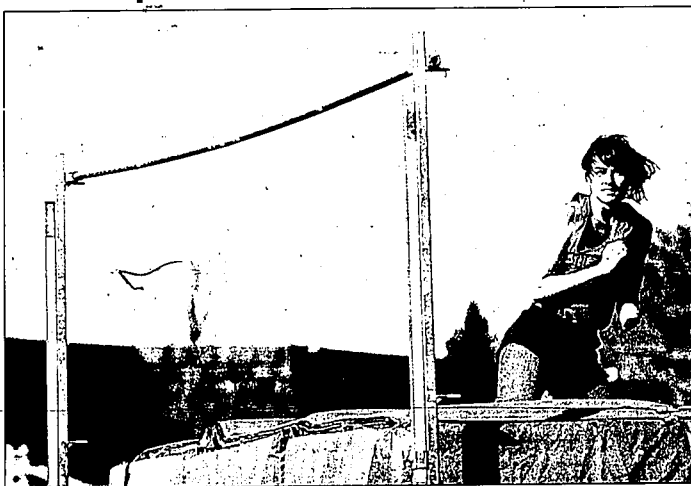
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Set for personal best



BUDDY CHARLES MANGIONE/The Times-News

Filor's Marjorie Lutz clears 5 feet, 3 inches to win the girls high jump at the ISDB meet Wednesday. Lutz went on to set a personal best of 5-foot 4-inches, clearing her first attempt at the height.

Senator thinclads dominate meet

The Times-News

GOODING — The Gooding Senators took the lead in an individual track meet at Gooding high school Wednesday afternoon.

The Senators boys piled up 131 points against 96 for runner-up Wood River. The Gooding girls didn't quite have the cushion but dropped Wood River 99-92. Perhaps the news of the new year, however, is that Glenns Ferry didn't rise above fourth place in either division — something that hasn't happened in several years.

The boys produced two double winners. Valley's Casey Crumrine won the 3200 and 1600 and placed second in the 800. Defending state sprint champion Russ Farris of Glenns Ferry had a 10.9 in the 100 and 51.9 in the quarter but was handed a rare in-district setback by Wood River's Chase Monroe in the 200.

In the time of 22.3, Monroe nipped Farris by two-tenths of a second. Monroe was third in the 100.

The Pilots' provided the multiple individual event winners in the girls division where Janice Waters took the short sprints and the long jump and Nancy Williams won the weights.

One of the best performances in the girls division was provided by Marjorie Lutz who cleared 5 feet, 4 inches.

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BUDDY CHARLES MANGIONE/The Times-News

Buhl's Tony Bostock loops a distance of 18-foot 5-inches in the men's long jump placing him fifth overall.

Murdock, Minico shut down Pocatello

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Two games into the season, Minico pitcher Rick Murdock has gone from bullpen chaser to heavy underdog. The Spartan senior threw a two-hit shut out at Region III rival Pocatello on Wednesday, putting Minico (1-2) in the win column for the first time this spring with a 13-0 in a five-inning game.

Murdock (1-0), the Spartan's closer a year ago, struck out seven and walked none in his second start of the season.

"He's awful tough because he can throw three pitches for strikes when he wants to," Minico coach Russ Wright said of Murdock.

Against Bonomeville on Saturday in his first start of the year, Murdock gave up two runs in five innings of work, but got no decision.

But at home against the Indians, Spartans bats gave Murdock all he needed to work with in the first inning.

Brook Crystal got his first big hit of the year, a bases loaded double to score a pair of Minico runs in the first inning.

Three more Spartan runs crossed the plate before Pocatello starting pitcher Shaun Davis could record a third out.

"I thought we swung the bats pretty well. We hit the ball a little better, but we hit like this at Bonomeville," Wright said. Minico had 10 hits in the game, including a bases-loaded triple in the fifth by

Joe Jensen which put the Spartans up by 12 runs and ended the game under the 10-run rule.

Junior Austin Crystal hit three singles in three at-bats, scoring each time.

Jensen added a second-inning double to go with his game-ending triple, driving in three runs.

For Minico, a team with its sight set on a state tournament bid, the early win following a couple of disappointing losses held some importance.

"We needed to play well," Wright said. "Win or lose, we needed to have a good, solid ball game."

CSI chief interviews candidate

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Progress toward naming the ninth head basketball coach in College of Southern Idaho history is coming more quickly than supposed.

President Gerald Meyerhoffer interviewed his first candidate Wednesday and will "talk to three, maybe four more" with a target of settling "an announcement press conference on April 1."

"I feel very good about our applicants," Meyerhoffer said. "We have some good people coming in (for interviews)."

It is rumored there will be one more this week and two or maybe three next week.

"I have received some excellent help from (former CSI coaches) Boyd Grant, Steve Irons and Mike Mitchell," the president said. "I guess we're more than anticipated because I received some calls almost immediately from Mitchell (who runs his own scouting service in the midwest) with names of some excellent coaches who were expressing interest through him."

Meyerhoffer said things have been going well on the campus, allowing him to concentrate what time he has available for athletics to the coaching job.

"Assistant coach" Darren Gibson is doing a good job of maintaining recruiting contact and assistant coach Kevin Jones is keeping our players on campus working on their academics. Irons has been very good in helping get outside and background information on some of the applicants.

Irons left the job two weeks ago, stressing a desire to spend more time with his family and return to the classroom as a teacher.

Eagles crush Walla Walla in opener

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team greeted the first day of spring and the home field with a 4-1 thrashing of Walla Walla Community College Wednesday evening.

The non-conference clash was a warmup for the three-day McDonald's Slapout Tournament that starts today in Twin Falls.

Walla Walla put up plenty of resistance through the first six innings before running into pitching trouble. Then, it was a simple matter of Walla on-balls setting the table and CSI hitters clearing it with some well-timed drives.

Leading 7-4, the Eagles already had walked home with one run when Minico graduate Chud Schow belted a three-run double to left-center, his second extra-base hit of the game.

Third baseman Larry Panaro walked, and first baseman Nate Forbush skipped a double off the outfield fence to score two more.

The caper came in the eighth when pitcher Brandon Duckworth followed singles by Chris Starbuck and Ben Florence with a double of his own. That ended it via the 10-run rule with one out.

Duckworth went the distance on the mound, raising his season record to 3-1. The run-rule victory marks the first time

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Majerus dead serious as Utes prepare for Wildcats

Coach says matchup today with Kentucky offers best chance for team to test itself

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Utah coach Rick Majerus thinks he knows how to combat Kentucky's depth.

"Food poisoning," he said. The coach who's always quick with a one-liner wasn't joking, however, when he really assessed the Wildcats, the top seeds in the Midwest Regional and strong favorites to reach the Final Four.

"We have a good team. We've played a good schedule," Majerus said Wednesday. "But we've not played the likes of these guys."

Kentucky (30-2) went through the Southeastern Conference undefeated, something that hasn't been done in 40 years. The Wildcats have good size, great quickness, can shoot the 3-pointer and have made a real depth than anybody around. "If anyone beats them this year, they will have earned their title," said Louisville coach Denny Crum, whose team co-ops the Utes have enough size and strength to present problems for Kentucky's front line. The unknown — as it is with just about everyone who plays Kentucky — is whether Utah will be able to handle the Wildcats' pressure and

then get good shots. Virginia Tech did a good job against the press in a second-round game last week, but got worn out by Kentucky's parade of players and wound up losing by 24. "I'll be something we haven't faced much this year," said guard Mark Rydchak. "We can't run up and down the floor and exchange baskets with them."

Maybe not, but Van Horn said the Utes will have to attack the press and then try to do what has worked so well all year — get to the foul line. The Utes led the nation this year, hitting 78 percent from the line.

That, and Utah's size advantage up front, are what most concern Kentucky coach Rick Pitino, who noted that the Utes ranked No. 3 nationally in rebounding.

"I think they have strengths over us, and I think we have strengths over them," he said. "Which strengths win out?" Crum might argue that strength of character is what has carried his Louisville team to the regional semifinals against No. 2 seed Wake Forest.

Instead, the 11th-seeded Cardinals rallied from a late 12-point deficit to beat Tulsa, then knocked out third-seeded Villanova in the second round. This from a team that entered the tournament having lost four out of five.

"I've never had a team I think that is as short-handed as this team play as well as this team has played," said Crum.

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(1) Connecticut	(1) Connecticut 68-59	(1) Connecticut 95-81			(1) Massachusetts	(1) Massachusetts 82-70	(1) Massachusetts 82-70	(1) Massachusetts	
(10) Colgate					(16) Central Fla.			(16) Central Fla.	
(8) Duke					(9) Bradley			(9) Bradley	
(5) E. Michigan	(9) E. Mich. 75-60	Indianapolis, Ind. March 14 & 15			(9) Stanford	(9) Stanford 65-58		(9) Stanford	
(3) Mass. St.	(5) Mass. St. 55-51	(5) Mass. St. 63-41			(3) Penn State	(12) Arkansas 66-60		(3) Penn State	
(12) W. Conn.					(12) Arkansas			(12) Arkansas	
(4) UCLA	(13) Princeton 45-41				(4) Marquette	(4) Marquette 65-44		(4) Marquette	
(13) Princeton					(14) Marquette			(14) Marquette	
(9) Indiana	(11) Boston Col.	(11) Boston Col. 64-51			(6) North Carolina	(6) North Carolina 53-52		(6) North Carolina	
(11) Boston Col.					(11) New Orleans			(11) New Orleans	
(3) Georgia Tech	(3) Georgia Tech 103-69	Lexington, Ky. March 22 & 23			(3) Texas Tech	(3) Texas Tech 74-73		(3) Texas Tech	
(4) Austin Peay					(3) Texas Tech			(3) Texas Tech	
(7) Temple	(7) Temple 61-43	Grandville, Fla. March 16 & 17			(7) New Mexico	(7) New Mexico 69-48		(7) New Mexico	
(10) Oklahoma					(10) Kansas State			(10) Kansas State	
(2) Cincinnati	(2) Cincinnati 65-61	East Rutherford, N.J. March 30			(2) Georgetown	(2) Georgetown 73-52		(2) Georgetown	
(15) N.C. Greensboro					(2) Georgetown			(2) Georgetown	
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(1) Purdue	(1) Purdue 73-71	(8) Georgia Tech 66-62			(1) Kentucky	(1) Kentucky 118-72		(1) Kentucky	
(16) W. Carolina					(16) San Jose St.			(16) San Jose St.	
(9) Clemson	(9) Georgia 81-74	Albuquerque, N.M. March 14 & 15			(8) Wake G.B.			(8) Wake G.B.	
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(4) Syracuse	(4) Syracuse 85-55	Denver, Colo. March 22 & 23			(12) California			(12) California	
(13) Montana St.					(4) Utah	(4) Utah 72-43		(4) Utah	
(9) Iowa	(9) Iowa 81-79	(3) Arizona 87-73			(13) Canis			(13) Canis	
(11) Geo. Wash.					(13) Louisville			(13) Louisville	
(3) Arizona	(3) Arizona 90-51	Tempe, Ariz. March 15 & 17			(11) Tulsa			(11) Tulsa	
(14) Valparaiso	(14) Santa Clara 91-79	(2) Kansas 76-51			(2) Wake Forest	(2) Wake Forest 65-52		(2) Wake Forest	
(7) Maryland					(2) Wake Forest			(2) Wake Forest	
(18) Santa Clara					(15) N.E. Louisiana			(15) N.E. Louisiana	
(2) Kansas	(2) Kansas 82-54								
(15) S. Carolina St.									

Indians power past Tigers; Mariners win

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — The Cleveland Indians collected 23 hits, including home runs by Julio Franco, Jim Thome and Carlos Baerga, in a 20-3 rout Wednesday of the Detroit Tigers.

After spotting Detroit a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, the Indians scored 17 runs on 19 hits in the first four innings.

Detroit starter Jose Lima faced 12 batters in 1 1/3 innings, and eight of them scored. Both Franco and Thome, who had three hits and four RBIs, homered during the Indians' six-run first.



Milwaukee Brewers second baseman Pat Listerh, top, and Seattle's Edgar Martinez look to first base during a double-play attempt Wednesday in Peoria, Ariz. Martinez was out at second and Listerh made the throw to first to beat Jay Buhner on the play.

Two-run homer off Matt Mancini in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Baltimore — which made a triple play and four double plays — the victory.

The triple play occurred in the third inning against the Orioles. Baltimore's Cal Ripken Jr. walked, Gary Sheffield hit a grounder to third baseman Manny Alexander, who tagged the bag, and threw to second baseman Roberto Alomar, who relayed to first base Ben Schiffhield by a step.

Brewers 6, Twins 5, 12 WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Wonderful Monds scored all the way from first on a single

by Tyler Houston, and Atlanta Braves won its fifth straight game.

Trailing 5-2, Minnesota tied the game with three runs in the ninth against Braves relief ace Mark Wohlers.

In the 14th, Minnesota had a two-out single, then scored on Houston's hit-and-run single against Jay Jacobson.

Rangers 6, Blue Jays 2 PORT CHARLOTTE, Florida — Kevin Gross pitched six strong innings, and Ivan Rodriguez and Luis Ortiz hit home runs for Texas.

Gross allowed a run on two hits while striking out four for the Rangers, who took a 1-0

lead in the first on the homer by Rodriguez. Ortiz, who leads the Rangers with four homers and 12 RBIs this spring, accounted for the final Texas run with his homer in the fifth.

Dodgers 7, Expos 4

VERO BEACH, Fla. — A two-run homer by Mike Piazza capped a five-run first inning, and Rafael Valdes pitched well for Los Angeles. The Dodgers scored all their runs in the first two innings off Expos starter Rical Cormier. Raul Mondesi, Mike Blowers and Roger Cedeno had RBI singles in the first before Piazza hit his fourth homer of the spring.

Athletics 5, Cubs (s) 0

PHOENIX — Oakland's Todd Van Poppel allowed one hit in six scoreless innings against a Chicago split squad, by far his strongest outing of the spring.

Van Poppel, who came into the game with a 9-6 ERA this spring, walked two and struck out one.

Cubs (ss) 14, Rockies (s) 7

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Ryan Sandberg homered for the first time this spring, and Luis Gonzalez hit a grand slam as the rest of the Cubs bent a Colorado split squad.

Sandberg homered in the first inning against Colorado pitcher David Nied. The 36-year-old second baseman has hit .444 over the last nine games, raising his spring average to .298.

Giants 10, Angels 6

TEMPE, Ariz. — Robby Thompson hit a three-run homer during a seven-run outburst in the third inning, and added two doubles. The Giants, who were ninth by five Angels pitchers on Saturday, got seven runs on six hits in two-plus innings off losing pitcher Jason Grunmyer.

Mariners 9, Brewers 5

PEORIA, Ariz. — Seattle's new double-play combination turned offensive as second baseman Joey Cora and shortstop Alex Rodriguez led the Mariners.

Cora went 3-for-3, scored a run and drove in two. Rodriguez contributed two hits and scored twice as Seattle ended a fivegame losing streak while sending Milwaukee to its 15th loss in 20 exhibition games.

Cincinnati stadium up in air

CINCINNATI (AP) — Whether the Cincinnati Bengals or Cincinnati Reds get a new stadium first depends on which team first commits money to the project, Mayor Roxanne Qualls said Wednesday.

The smiles that Bengals president Mike Brown and Reds owner Marge Schott wore after voters on Tuesday approved a sales tax increase for the \$544 million project likely will disappear when Hamilton County negotiators demand first financial commitments from the teams. Borrowing costs could ultimately push the price of the two stadiums to \$700 million. "I wouldn't be glad it didn't pass by only 1 percent," Schott said Wednesday from the league owners meeting at Phoenix. "Now we have to see who's going to get put where. We might be down by the gravel pit."

Schott refused to endorse the stadium tax during the campaign. She has not indicated that the Reds will commit money toward the project, even though polls showed that voters want to see the teams head home. The Reds have had positive talks with the county.

Schott has been withholding her team's rent and other revenue from stadium payments to Cincinnati since August 1994 and owes \$3.6 million, the city says.

Players hold key to sharing plan for revenue

PHOENIX (AP) — Baseball owners appeared to move closer to a new revenue-sharing agreement Wednesday night but admitted the players' association could block it.

Owners will vote on revenue sharing Thursday, according to a source with spoken on the condition he had no authority but a management lawyer, also speaking on the condition of anonymity, said owners can't put an agreement into effect without the union's permission.

"We're under a status-quo order," the lawyer said. "We're not going to risk violating it."

U.S. District Judge Sonia Sotomayor issued an injunction last March 31 preventing owners from changing work rules without her permission or an agreement with the union. The owners' lawyers do not want to be in a position where Sotomayor determines new revenue-sharing rules effect salaries.

Randy Levine, the owners' chief negotiator, said that a revenue-sharing plan is adopted, he would present it to the union on Thursday night, when a bargaining session is held in Phoenix.

Bonds' wrist injury could have been worse, Giants learn

The Associated Press

Although a bad batting-practice swing could force Barry Bonds to miss the rest of spring training, the San Francisco Giants feel fortunate the injury isn't more serious.

Giants manager Dusty Baker said Wednesday that Bonds probably will miss five to seven days with a bruised left wrist, and could be sidelined for the rest of the exhibition season. An MRI and X-rays Tuesday showed nothing more than a deep bone bruise near the side of the wrist.

"We're very relieved," Baker said. "This could have been something major and he could have been out two months or something."

Bonds re-aggravated the wrist during batting practice before Monday's game against San Diego and has not played since. He also complained of soreness in the wrist last week.

Bonds, hitting .321 this spring with three homers and eight RBIs, refused to answer questions Wednesday about the wrist. He played the last few weeks of the 1995 season with a hairline fracture of his right wrist.

"I don't know anyone that's played that didn't have any wrist injuries," Baker said.

Meanwhile, the Giants have sent non-roster pitcher Enrique Burgos, pitcher Heredia and Derek Lilliquist to their minor-league

Spring training A's to play Vegas - B4

camp for reassignment. Burgos and Lilliquist are left-handers and Heredia is a right-hander.

Braves Third baseman Chipper Jones was replaced by Mike Mordecai just before Atlanta's game with Minnesota. Braves trainer Dave Pursley said Jones may have torn cartilage in his right knee on Tuesday.

Jones had a complete tear of the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during spring training in 1994.

"He was just walking around on the off day," manager Bobby Cox said. "I'm not concerned right now. How bad could it be, just walking around?"

Cardinals

Andy Benes will be the opening-day starter for St. Louis on New York on April 1, and manager Tony La Russa has chosen Todd Stottlemyre to pitch the Cardinals' home opener April 8 against Montreal.

"The uniqueness of the situation is you'd like to send a message to both of them, that we think you're the guy," La Russa said. "The first game in New York is no more exciting than the first game at home, so each guy gets a pearl."

Indians

It wasn't a good day at the ballfield for one fan at Chain O' Lakes Park in Winter Haven, Fla. Sitting near the third-base dugout, 30-year-old Rick Speer of Indianapolis was hit in the forehead when a bat flew out of the hands of Cleveland's Julio Franco during the Indians' game with the Detroit Tigers. Speer's needed 15 to 20 stitches to close the wound.

Phillies

Philadelphia wasted little time inserting infielder Jose Oquendo into the lineup after inviting him to camp. Ironically, Oquendo played against the St. Louis Cardinals, who released him Monday. He struck out with the bases loaded in his first at-bat.

Athletics

Allen Batlle is back in the Oakland lineup after missing 10 days with a strained left hamstring, but his job in center field — and as the leadoff hitter — is no longer secure. Until he was hurt, Batlle had been the lead candidate for both spots. But he is 263 after going 2-for-3, and Ernie Young is at .371 with a team-high five homers. "Ernie Young is definitely in the running,"

Around the valley

CSI to spend \$45,647 to add 36 computers

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho board of trustees approved buying 36 computers for \$45,647 Wednesday evening. Twenty computers will be added to the Canyon computer laboratory, 14 computers will be added to the new library, and two to the nursing and continuing education departments. Money for the purchases came from budgeted departmental funds, the plant facility fund and donations from the CSI Foundation, according to secretary and treasurer Mike Mason.

Twin Falls County's GOP women will meet Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Republican Women's Committee has planned its monthly meeting for noon Monday at the Canyon Springs Inn. "Issues of the Elderly" is the topic for the educational presentation. It will include a panel of experts discussing various topics that affect the elderly in the Magic Valley. Lunch will be served; cost is \$7 per person. All women interested in politics are invited. For more information, call Norma Blass at The Times-News, 733-0931, Ext. 215.

Free parenting skills course set Wednesday at KMYT

TWIN FALLS - The third class in a series of non-credit parenting skills workshops will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. Jill Chestnut, a registered nurse who coordinates occupational health for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, will discuss stress management. Admission is free, and no sign-up is required. Free child care is available with advance notice at South Central Child Care, 296 Falls Ave. W. Call Tahna at 736-7649 to arrange child care. The event is sponsored by the Child Care Resource Center (South Central Community Action), Twin Falls School District's Title I and Student Assistance programs, and Region V Health and Welfare.

Newborns receive donated quilts at St. Ben's in Jerome

JEROME - Thanks to the hard work of many Magic Valley women, and the generosity of American Mothers Inc., 20 babies born at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome will go home with a free, handmade quilt. During the past year, about 20 mothers and grandmothers from throughout the valley have made and donated 80 quilts to the local chapter of the national organization started in 1933. Of the 80 quilts received, 60 were given to the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Health & Welfare, and Valley House. With an overall purpose to strengthen the moral and spiritual foundations of the family and home, American Mothers Inc. has focused its efforts the past few years on babies infected with AIDS virus, making and donating quilts to the newborns. With the surplus of Magic Valley quilts, American Mothers Inc. state President Lorayne O. Smith, determined the Jerome hospital should be the beneficiary. American Mothers Inc. member Linda Helms said volunteers are hard at it again, making more quilts. She said anyone interested in donating fabric scraps or quilts, or would like more information about the organization, should call Smith at 733-3521, or Helms at 324-8042.

Cassia school trustees meet about calendar, contracts

BURLEY - Trustees of the Cassia County School District will meet tonight at the central office for their regular monthly meeting. The 7 p.m. meeting was rescheduled for earlier this month. Included on the agenda is reviewing the 1995-97 school district calendar, approval of principal contracts, and canvassing of the ballots from Tuesday's bond issue. Compiled from staff reports

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Magic Valley

Dem builder targets Crapo seat

By Karen Tolkinen
Times-News writer

BOISE - U.S. Rep. Mike Crapo has picked up a Democratic challenger - a little-known Boise home builder. John Seidl, a three-year resident of Idaho, said he plans to announce his candidacy and hire a campaign manager by the first week of April.

The congressional district he is seeking covers much of southern Idaho. The Boise businessman has the backing of the state Democratic Party and plans to run on familiar Democratic issues - opposition to nuclear waste and job loss at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, and enforcement of federal environmental laws.

"Obviously we're getting into this a little bit late," he said. "I really decided to do this because I finally got fed up with what's going on. I don't believe the representation we're getting right now is the right representation for Idaho."

He said he would push for stable funding for INEL for nuclear waste cleanup as



Crapo

well as to preserve jobs at that facility. He would advocate a balanced budget, campaign finance reform and a wilderness bill that would clearly designate the conditions under which groups could use public resources. He would like to see strategies that protect both salmon and water rights.

Seidl's disadvantages are numerous, from limited campaign money to lack of name recognition. Not to mention running as a Democrat in one of the most conservative states in the country.

He has set a campaign budget of \$100,000. Crapo, on the other hand, now has about \$270,000 available and could top \$500,000, said campaign manager Fred Wilson.

The 30-year-old Seidl has not sought public office, and his political experience is limited to the Boise City Arts

Commission and the Rotary Club.

Does he have a chance?

"Sacrificial lamb" are the first words that come to Dennis Maughan, Twin Falls county's only Democratic commissioner, who finds it unlikely that Seidl could win the first time around.

"The first time is the seed, maybe making a name for themselves," he said. "I'm not trying to talk down to him, but Mike Crapo is going to be tough to beat."

It's not impossible, Maughan said, but Seidl must have the drive to win.

"You talk about the fire in the belly," he said. "You've got to have that commitment or you're not going to win."

Seidl is eager, and not just a symbolic candidate, said Ryan Hill, spokesman for the state Democratic party.

"This guy is a real candidate. We would not feel comfortable just running somebody to have somebody in the seat."

Still, he acknowledged that the race will be tough.

"Anybody's beatable, but Mike Crapo is the most formidable of the candidates," he said. "Mike Crapo hasn't made a whole

lot of enemies in this state."

Wilson said opposition is welcome.

"I think that's great," he said. "It allows a debate of the issues."

Mike will focus on reducing government services and spending, as well as on his accomplishments during his time in office, Wilson said.

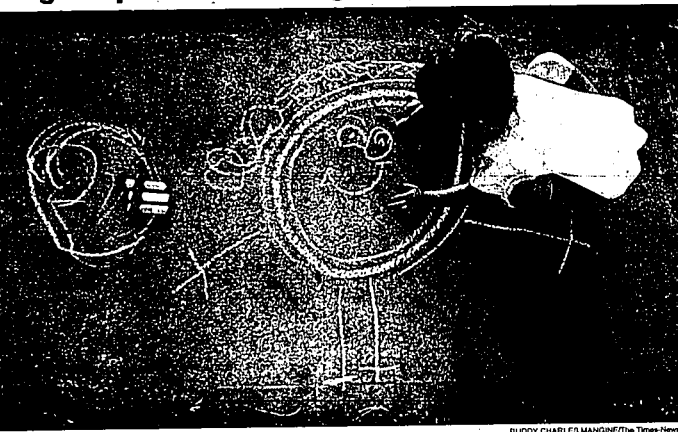
"Mike appeals to a broad spectrum of people in the 2nd District," he said, citing approval from cattlemen, miners and loggers in protecting private property rights.

Seidl has yet mapped out a campaign strategy. One of his closest advisers, Jim Hansen, is a nephew to state Sen. John Hansen, a moderate Republican from Idaho Falls.

Seidl said he's been thinking about running for six months. "I'll be perfectly candid with you, this is a long shot, but it's not a crazy idea," he said. "I don't see where the country's going. I think the pendulum has swung too far to the right."

Crapo also faces opposition during Republican primary from Peter Rickards, a Twin Falls politician.

High hopes for doodling daughter



Four-year-old Alex Pfeifferle decorates the walkway leading to her house with colorful chalk figures of her family Wednesday in Twin Falls. Alex's mother, Suzy Pfeifferle, said Alex frequently doodles. "Hopefully, when she grows up she'll make us all rich."

Jerome pool to be closed this summer

By Rob Lundgren
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Faced with inadequate reserves and a desire not to raise taxes, the City Council voted this week not to open the city pool this summer.

According to City Administrator Jeff Bishop, the city must make the showers and restrooms at the pool accessible to persons with disabilities in order for the city to continue receiving state and federal grants. It is not a requirement of Americans with Disabilities Act which requires the modifications, but rather non-compliance with the act which jeopardizes other funds the city receives.

The estimated \$60,000 in renovations will also be used for other needed pool facility repairs.

The city brings in \$8,000 in user fees each summer, but pays out \$38,000 to operate and maintain the pool, Bishop said.

Bishop said he has explored Land Conservation Grants, Community Development Block Grants, and spoke with Region IV Development Association, concluding, "there are no viable grant programs available at the present time."

"The Jerome Pool Committee is not objecting to closing the pool this year,"

said committee Chairwoman Jennie Vandiver. "We're not going to be able to raise that amount of money this year. We're planning a public open forum in June, and are proceeding as a committee to help the city."

Vandiver said the pool committee will meet again at 7:30 April 8 at the Jerome Cafe.

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Blaine County may OK full-time commissioner

By Barbara Neiwert
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Blaine County officials are considering following Jerome County's example by appointing a full-time executive commissioner.

Monday the Blaine County Board of Commissioners agreed the concept was potentially workable, but it would be up to the new commissioner to implement the arrangement in January of next year.

Several months ago Jerome County decided one of the three elected commissioners should be appointed as a full-time, executive commissioner with a full-time salary. This diverts routine county details to the executive commissioner and allows him or her to attend city and other governmental meetings.

"That was pretty exciting and revolutionary for county governments in Idaho," said Blaine County Administrative Assistant Pam Smith. Currently, the three commissioners meet for a regularly scheduled meeting each

Monday and staff the office one day a week.

Smith said this plan could reduce the number of monthly meetings from four to two or three, leaving the full commission to deal with agenda items concerning policy and decision making.

With Tom Blanchard and Rupert House not seeking reelection in November, the county has found difficulty seeking interested candidates, primarily due to the low pay and high time commitment, Smith said.

The current commission will consider budgeting for a full-time executive commissioner in its upcoming budget process. Having the funding in place would enable the new commission to decide how to proceed.

House Bill 448, passed last week by the Idaho Legislature, allows county governments to decide on alternative ways to format their commissions, but will not be effective until 1998. The proposal for an executive commissioner is an option available to counties right now and would serve as an interim measure.

Businesses can learn to cash in on 2002 Winter Olympics

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Local businesses can learn this spring how to take advantage of economic opportunities expected to cascade over the Intermountain West as Salt Lake City prepares to host the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The annual Idaho Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism will be held in the Mini-Cassia area this year for the first time. On May 1-3, approximately 250 business people from across the state, who specialize in the tourism and recreation business, will meet at the Best Western Burley Inn to discuss the latest trade news. Tourism and recreation make up the state's second-largest industry after agriculture.

Conference Chairman Carl Wilgus, administrator of the Department of Commerce's Please see TOURISM/C3



Mini-Cassia area recreational opportunities will be on display for the rest of the state in May. The annual Idaho Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism will be held in Burley this year for the first time.

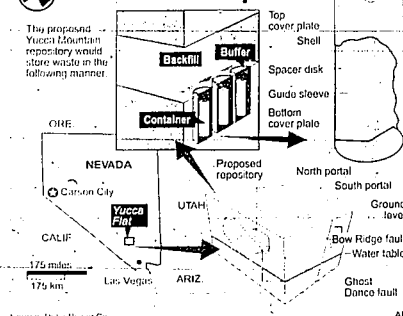
Recreation and tourism conference

Local business representatives and the public are invited to attend the Idaho Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism May 1-3 at the Best Western Burley Inn. For more information about the conference, contact the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce at 436-4793.

Panel sees no immediate need for storage facility



Nuclear waste disposal



WASHINGTON (AP) — There's no scientific safety reason to push ahead immediately to build a centralized storage facility for tons of used nuclear fuel now kept at commercial power plants, a science advisory panel said Wednesday.

The panel said the government should concentrate on determining whether a site at Yucca Mountain in Nevada is suitable for a permanent underground repository and after that consider building a temporary storage facility to serve in the interim.

The findings by the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board is expected to give support to Nevada's two senators who have vowed to block legislation in Congress that calls for the Energy Department to build an interim storage site for the waste by late 1998 in Nevada.

The 11-member board, which was created by Congress to advise lawmakers and the Energy

Department on nuclear waste issues, said there likely will not be a serious crunch for centralized waste storage until 2010.

The nuclear industry and many of its advocates in Congress have argued that the Energy Department is required by law to accept by 1998 the used nuclear fuel that has built up at commercial nuclear power plants over the years.

Currently there is no centralized storage facility for the waste, which will remain highly radioactive for thousands of years.

More than 30,000 tons of used fuel is being stored at nuclear power plants across the country. Operators of many of the plants complain that they're running out of underground storage space and that storing the material in dry casks above ground at the reactor sites is expensive and politically difficult.

But the report issued Wednesday by the nuclear waste

advisory board concluded that the situation is not nearly as urgent as the nuclear industry suggests.

"We found that there is no compelling technical or safety reasons to begin moving spent fuel from reactor sites for the next few years," said John Cantlon, the board's chairman.

Cantlon, a professor emeritus at Michigan State University, said the demand for centralized storage is likely not to hit the critical stage until 2010 when reactors are expected to begin shutting down in increasing numbers.

The board's report said that "developing a storage facility now would jeopardize the (permanent underground) repository program" at the Yucca Mountain site in Nevada.

The focus on developing interim storage could "erode political support" for the proposed repository, the panel added.

Cantlon said that consideration of an interim storage facility

should be put off until the Energy Department determines, probably in 1998, that the Yucca Mountain geology is suitable for a permanent underground repository.

The nuclear industry criticized the findings and said the board had "strayed from its mandate" of providing scientific evaluations and improperly was "becoming an advocate of delay instead of a defender of science."

"The nuclear industry unanimously believes that the federal government is obligated to take used nuclear fuel by 1998 or shortly thereafter," said a statement by the Nuclear Energy Institute, an industry trade group.

"What they're advocating is totally inadequate," added Scott Northard, an official with Northern States Power Co., in Minnesota where the issue of spent fuel storage at the utility's reactors caused a political firestorm several years ago.

Floodwatchers keep eye on Wasatch Front

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Northern Utah's Wasatch Front is one of the few areas in the nation with above-average risks for snowmelt turning into spring floods, the National Weather Service reports.

However, in a report issued Wednesday in Washington, forecasters said any serious Utah flooding was unlikely unless there

are heavy rains or a sudden heat wave.

"That area is borderline," said Frank Richards, director of the National Hydrologic Information Center.

"(But) the Wasatch does have quite a bit of snow. There is some concern of high flows through Salt Lake City and that area, (and) the Jordan River," he said.

Utah has above-average flooding risks in all three categories

NWS officials look for: snowpack, stream flow and snowmelt. "Clearly, major rainfalls in these areas are going to cause some flooding," he said.

Lack of heavy rains, coupled with a gradual increase in temperatures, will conversely allow the orderly melting of snow.

Death notices

Juhl F. Kaufman
KETCHUM — Juhl Frederick Kaufman, 72, of Ketchum, died Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at the Wood River Medical Center in Sun Valley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Wood River Funeral Chapel in Hailey.

Services

Carl Ray Andrew, of Buhl, 11 a.m. today, Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Viewing, one hour before the funeral at the funeral chapel.

Ivan Earl Day, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today, 6th Ward LDS Church, 667 Hattie St., Twin Falls. Burial, 1 p.m. Friday, Pleasant Green Cemetery, Magna, Utah. Viewing.

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the church, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Glenn E. Wheeler, of Jerome, 2 p.m. today, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Raymond "John" Pnecznitz Jr., of Twin Falls, memorial service, 1 p.m. Friday, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.
Admitted
Barbara Hall of Jerome.

Jackson of Paul.

BIRTHS
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Todd Williams and Alicia Ruiz of Rupert. Mr. and Mrs. Leanne Purdie of Albion; and to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mills of Burley.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Admitted

Alejandro Andrade and Janet Mills, both of Budey; Jean Neiwer, Amber Whitaker and Kelene Williams, all of Rupert; and Tina Valentine of Idaho Falls.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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Admitted
Juanita Rodriguez, Tiffany Friesen and Charles Vanbelle, all of Rupert; Rebecca Phiering of Heyburn; and Vanessa Osterhout of Buhl.

Released
Tomasa Valero of Rupert.

Obituaries

Oakley

Oril LaRae Smith Kirkham

Oril LaRae Smith Kirkham, of Oakley, Utah, and formerly of Oakley, passed away March 18, 1996, at her home in Layton.

She was born Aug. 9, 1935, in Burley, and was raised in Oakley where she graduated from Oakley High School in 1953. She was an employee of Idaho Power for eight years in Oakley and in Boise. It was in Boise where she met and married Brad Kirkham, U.S.A. rat, who was stationed at Mount Shasta Air Force Base. After being a devoted military wife, they retired and moved to Layton in 1975, where she became employed by Fire Service and had worked for 20 years.

She was a member of the Layton 5th Ward LDS Church since moving to Layton where she had served in the Primary and Relief Society for many years.

Survivors include her husband of Layton, two sons, Kevin Kirkham of Clinton, Utah, and David Kirkham of Brigham City, Utah, one daughter, Mrs. Barry (Tania) Carter of Perry, Utah, and one sister, Mrs. Larry (Elaine) Osburn of Shoshone. She preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Amelia Smith of Oakley; and an infant brother.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 21, 1996, at Myers Mortuary of Layton, 250 N. Fairfield Road. Interment will be at Evergreen Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice of Northern Utah, 2404 Washington Blvd. No. 304, Ogden UT 84401.

Jerome

Adrian E. Searrow
Adrian E. Searrow, 93, of Jerome, died Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

He attended school in Hill City,

for obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

He was born Feb. 5, 1903, in Rawlins, Wyo., the son of William and Margaret Krips Searrow. Adrian moved to Berryley, Ark., with his family and received his education here. He married Maie Bateman on May 12, 1936, in Berryley. Adrian and Maie moved to Berryley until 1951, when they moved to Jerome. He worked for Volco's from 1951 to 1978, when he semi-retired and worked part-time for Searrow Lumber Yard until 1995.

Adrian was a board member of a church in Jerome for 35 years. He loved to hunt, fish, and work in his garden.

Adrian loved to spend time with and had much pride in his family, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and was a man with no enemies.

One of his most memorable experiences was when he read a train with Buffalo Bill to the World's Fair in 1917.

Adrian is survived by his wife of Jerome, four sons, Gerald (Joy) Searrow, Don (Shana Rogers) Searrow, Larry (Connie) Searrow of Jerome and Jim (Chris) Searrow of Wendell; one daughter, Sue (Gary) Thomas of Jerome; one sister, Ann Bahnsen of Visalia, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with the Rev. Gene Kinsinger officiating. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Wendell

Goldie I. Weinberg
Goldie Irene Weinberg, 74, of Wendell, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Goldie was born June 19, 1921, near Hill City, Idaho, to Andrew and Sylvia McClintock Anderson. She attended school in Hill City,

Shoestring and Gooding. During high school, she lived with and worked for the Senator Thomas family.

She married Ernest Watts in 1939. They had two sons, Don and Darrell. They were later divorced.

Goldie moved to Wendell on April 21, 1951. They have resided in Wendell since that time. She worked as a nurse at the Gooding TB Hospital and many years for Holsinger.

Goldie loved to knit, watch old movies, and listen to music. She also loved band music.

Her greatest love was her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. Goldie was a member of the Wendell United Methodist Church.

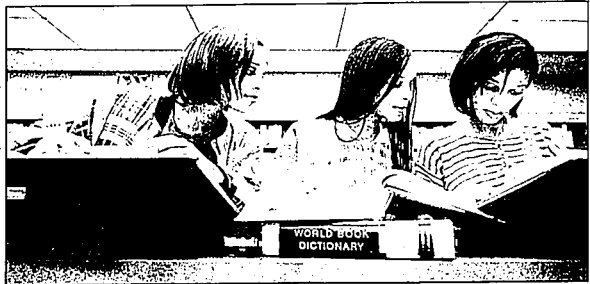
She is survived by her husband, Mel of Wendell; her sons, Don (Betty) Watts of Boise, and Darrell (Virginia) Watts of Wendell; her sisters, Margaret Jones of Fairfield, Kitty (Ed) Guber of Rupert, Esther Eubanks of Kennewick, Wash., and Rose Chess of Milwaukee, Ore.; and her brothers, James Anderson of Boise, and Roy (Shirley) Anderson of Fresno, Calif.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Susan (Barry) Eschbach of Jackson, Ohio; Tiffany (Ron) Schimke of Meridian, Donald (Dorothy) Watts of Boise, and Anne (Ted) Davis of Wendell; her great-grandchildren, Jason and Jordan Eschbach, Taylor, Steven and Kendra Schimke, Kaleb and Alexia Davis, and Christopher Watts. She was preceded in death by a brother, Andrew, and a sister, Maie.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 1996, at the Wendell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Bill Flannery officiating. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at Donamay's Wendell Chapel.

The family suggests memorials to your favorite charity or church. Mom enjoyed helping people, and it would please her to know through your memorials she was helping someone who needed it.

Spell triplets



Richmond, Calif., seniors Yotta, Monet and Monique Garrett, left to right, are representing their school at the Contra Costa County spelling bee this week. On Wednesday, they poured over a dictionary in the school library.

Magistrate will review meeting note concerning hikers' deaths

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal magistrate says he will review a transcript of a meeting between Mormon Church leaders and the adult survivor of the Kolob Creek Canyon hike in which two others died in order to determine if it is protected under Utah's "communication to clergy" privilege.

U.S. Magistrate Ronald Boyce said in a two-page order that for him to determine whether the meeting is privileged, he must first review the transcript in chambers.

U.S. attorneys, who filed the motion to compel release of the transcript, are defending Zion National Park against a suit brought by Kolob survivors.

Governments' lawyers have argued the tape-recorded July 21, 1993, meeting between Park Brewster and his Mormon priest-hood leaders was not covered by clergy confidentiality.

Attorneys for Brewster, who survived the hike that left two church youth group leaders dead, have joined with attorneys representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in seeking to

block release of the tapes and transcript.

The church is not a party in the litigation. Survivors of the Kolob hike argued that although the meeting was not a confession of moral transgression, it was conducted as part of church officials' ecclesiastical duties, to minister to Brewster's spiritual and temporal needs in the wake of the tragedy.

On July 15, 1993, rushing waters in the Kolob Creek slot canyon north of Zion National Park claimed the lives of Leroy Kim Ellis, 37, and David Fleischer, 27, both of Salt Lake City. Ellis was the assistant scoutmaster of the LDS Church Riviera Ward in South Salt Lake. Fleischer was president of the ward's Young Men's program.

Brewster, who is now the ward bishop and at the time was second Young Men's program, stayed with five teenage boys in the narrow canyon until the group was rescued five days later.

The suit by four youths and the wives of the two men killed is

against the federal government and the Washington County Water Conservancy District. It seeks unspecified damages.

It alleges park rangers did not adequately warn of dangerous water flows from Kolob Reservoir, operated by the water district.

The case is set to go to trial in June.

Defense attorneys have argued that Brewster's meeting with priest-hood leaders was his first extended account of the incident and may have included what rangers told the hikers about water flows, when the hikers first realized the creek was perilously high and whether the group leaders failed to heed obvious dangers.

Boyce will review a transcript of the discussion privately, then determine whether any of the information will be released.

AG's ex-staffer wants job back

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Robert C. Lunn, once a member of Democratic Attorney General Jon Graham's staff, is seeking the Republican nomination to campaign against his fall.

Lunn joined Iron County Attorney Scott Burns and former Attorney General Robert Hansen in seeking the GOP's blessings to take on Graham.

Lunn charges the attorney general's office has grown in support staff and attorneys "with little or no resources being used to combat drug activity, gang violence or white-collar crime."

He also argues that little has been done under Graham's watch to "curb frivolous lawsuits filed by prison inmates and private parties."

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However, option A only got approximately 63 percent of the vote. Option B garnered about 12 percent. Option C got about 5 percent and option D got about 19 percent.

As a result of the election's multiple choice format there were 818 people who voted to authorize the funding and then voted for one of the two options that failed to make the ballot.

Asked about those voters, Howard said the district wanted people to vote for their choice and that was reflected. He had no further comment regarding those voters.

Zions Bank, Salt Lake City, the corporation that pioneered the citizens choice format, will now conduct a financial evaluation of the district. Jim Peterson, school district director of finance and operations said after the waiting period the bank will advertise the sale of the bonds nationwide.

"Offering the bonds nationwide makes the market much larger, which helps us get a lower interest rate," Peterson said. "The interest rate is critical because a fraction of a percent can mean a lot of money when borrowing \$21 million."

Once the bonds are all sold and an interest rate is locked in, a payment schedule will be organized and the school district will make semiannual payments over 20 years until the bonds are purchased, he said.

That is where property tax increase enters the equation. After the bonds are sold the district will buy them back over 20 years. In order to do that property taxes increase and the money is funneled back through the county and the state through a complicated formula, according to Peterson. Municipal bonds are attractive investments because the purchaser doesn't have to pay state or federal income taxes on them, according to Thomas Pitcher, assistant vice president of Zions Bank.

He said the \$22 million worth of \$5,000 bonds will be sold to the highest bidder in a competitive sale. Normally municipal bonds are purchased by a group or syndicate of underwriters.

Pitcher said most of the underwriting companies are from New York state but typically the underwriter that purchases municipal bonds offers them through a retail outlet in the area where the bonds were authorized.

That way local people can purchase bonds for their personal portfolios, Pitcher said.

Blaine crunch worsens

County may form housing authority

By Kihara Neiwerth
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Less than a decade ago, housing rents in Ketchum were astronomically high. With wages falling short, workers took root in Hailey or Bellevue.

Now, a typical three-bedroom house rents for an average of \$1,000 per month in Hailey. The sky seems to be the limit for land prices out of city limits in Blaine County as well, with no end in sight.

This situation, which has been brewing since the 1960s, has created a dilemma for the county. A steady stream of workers travels Highway 75 daily from Magic Valley communities to Sun Valley.

Blaine County Commission Chairman Leonard Harlig said between 15 and 18 percent of total employment in the county comes from outside Blaine County.

The continued high cost of housing will only lead to further disenfranchisement and disinterest in the workforce, Harlig said.

Not only will those workers spend their money elsewhere, but the entire community will lose out due to the loss of social diversity, he said.

To make a small dent in the problem, Harlig has proposed the formation of a county housing authority.

"If not us, who? If not now, when?" Harlig explained, saying the valley started talking about affordable housing 20 years ago, but has done nothing constructive about it.

Playing upon a groundswell of recent interest in tackling the housing problem, Harlig said Ketchum has committed to paying at least half the cost of a paid staff member. Sun Valley's degree of interest in the housing authority has been less defined. Employers, including the Wood River Medical Center and the Blaine County School District, has expressed interest as well, Harlig said.

Commissioner Tom Blanchard said agreeing with the need to do something, but wanted more information.

He asked to see something definite for the proposal outlining staff, salary, partnership agreements and financial responsibilities before he would support the concept.

Harlig's conceptualization for the county housing authority has been derived; in part, from an example of successful community housing in Jackson, Wyo.

Representatives from Jackson met with city and county officials and interested residents in January to explore their project.

Under their program, the land upon which the housing project sits is owned by either a city, county or housing trust. It does not appreciate at market values, Harlig said.

Maintaining land values plays a key role in keeping housing affordable under this plan.

If created, the county housing authority would have a lot of power, but could not impose regulations upon the cities, create any tax obligations, or supersede county ordinances. Theoretically, the project should become self-supporting through lease fees paid by homeowners for the land sites.

In addition, elected officials would not be eligible to serve on its board, Harlig said.

One of the reasons other housing agencies have had little success in the past is because it requires a full-time staff, said Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce Board Member Theresa Comber.

"There aren't any easy answers here," Harlig said. "If there were, someone would have come up with them a long time ago."

Governor signs landfill measure

The Times-News and
The Associated Press

BOISE — The public will get more input on where solid waste landfills are located, under legislation signed into law by Gov. Phil Batt on Wednesday.

Senate Bill 1545 sets out a process allowing broad public comment when government considers the location of commercial solid waste facilities.

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, sponsored the measure. The bill came in the wake of controversy surrounding developer Dan Lowmow, who has halted plans mid-scoop for a dump two miles upwind of Burley residents.

Under the new law, a site-review panel of state and local officials can conduct hearings to collect information on the public health and environmental impacts of a proposed landfill. The panel can examine the finances of the applicant and the impact on local government.

The panel makes recommendations to the Health and Welfare director, who can approve or reject the site license. Local officials can retain ultimate authority to issue permits necessary for a commercial solid waste disposal facility.

"As Idaho grows, so does the need to dispose of solid waste," Batt said, in a prepared statement. "Many communities are turning to the use of commercial landfills. This law will set out a procedure to ensure that the public health and environment are protected."

Energy chief: Spend more for nuclear waste dump

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary wants to increase spending by 36 percent on the permanent nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain, setting the government on a schedule of opening the facility in 14 more years.

The Clinton administration budget for the 1996-1997 project, increasing spending on the project by \$89 million to \$339 million.

That would allow the Energy Department to seek a waste storage license by 2002 while the permanent dump opening by 2010, civilian nuclear waste director Daniel Dreyfus said.

Opening the permanent dump is

1996 Legislature



The governor also signed into law legislation sponsored by Attorney General Alan Lance to discourage frivolous lawsuits filed by Idaho inmates.

Lance said the state has been paying up to \$2 million per year in defense costs for lawsuits, some filed solely to harass prison officials.

Batt signed a bill calling for disciplinary action against inmates who submit a frivolous or malicious lawsuit or present false information to the courts.

Under the new law, inmates can be compelled to pay court costs or prove they have no money; courts can dismiss a claim found to be groundless or failing to state a claim upon which a judgment can be granted and a prisoner's assets are subject to forfeiture.

From now on, inmates will spend more time paying their debt to society and less time dreaming up nonsensical lawsuits which are defended at taxpayer expense," Lance said.

Worth the stretch



Even goats know the grass tastes better on the other side of the fence. A foot-wide swath of stubble borders the fence penning those goats in Mpldoka County.

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Jerome

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"When the community finds out we are seriously considering closing the pool this summer so that we may have it next summer, I think the people will get behind us," Councilwoman Charlotte Jacobsen said.

In other business, the council took no action regarding water rates or capital improvement projects. The council has recommended a fixed 60-cent per 100 cubic feet rate for water because that is what it costs the city to produce and deliver it. The current rate is a descending schedule, with a low-end rate of 20 cents per cubic foot for high-end consumption.

The city also recommended six scenarios of water system improvements and expansion, ranging from \$182,900 for modifications to the 10th Avenue well and supply system, to \$2,731,534

to meet 20-year city growth projections.

Councilman Ralph Peters stressed the need for the council to work closely with the Chamber of Commerce's Revitalization Committee. The committee is exploring options and possibilities of replacing the curb, gutter and sidewalks in downtown Jerome.

If the chamber is going to tear up the street and sidewalks, the city should take advantage of work already performed, Peters said.

"The new proposed base rate and 60 cents in an option of the way we should go," Moore said. "We're losing money in the water department as we speak."

He added that he supports the idea of separate rates for in-town and out-of-town water users, and feels the council needs to further explore the capital-improvement

projects issue.

The council decided to review the matter further during a special work session at 5 p.m. March 27 in the Council's chambers. The work session will be open to the public.

The operation of the city's sewage treatment facility took another step toward privatization. Bishop told the council negotiations with Operations Management International Inc. were nearly complete, and recommended the council accept the bid from the firm.

Apparently, only a few minor technicalities in the language of the contract stand in the way of OMI beginning operation of the plant April 1.

The city's wastewater budget this year was \$451,560, prior to the lay-off of two employees recently. The OMI bid is for \$398,094.

Tourism

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Division of Tourism Development, said the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City has the potential to affect southern Idaho's economy in several ways.

The Olympic planning committee has budgeted \$800 million to pay for operating the games, and the figure does not include construction costs, Wilgus said. The committee estimates about \$400 million worth of products and services will be solicited from out of Utah, he said.

"It's gonna be from A to Z, soup to nuts."

It's possible that southern Idaho sites could be used as training grounds for Olympic teams, Wilgus said. The Olympic Games, to be held only 150 miles south of Burley, also have the potential to prompt travelers to explore other parts of the Intermountain West, he added.

The governor's conference itself will be a boon to the local economy, Min-

Cassia Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Becky Smith said. It will give Mini-Cassia area business people and officials a chance to advertise services and recreational activities available in the area, she said.

Ted Cameron, chamber president, said the conference also can provide business owners with information on how they can promote their business through the tourism industry.

According to Wilgus, the Magic Valley was selected for this year's conference in part because southern Idaho has seen steady economic growth.

South-central and southeastern Idaho have seen an approximate 5 percent population growth annually for the last seven years, he said.

I think that south-central and southeastern Idaho are probably going to be our fastest-growing areas," he said, noting that growth in north Idaho is slowing from an annual average of 12 to 15 percent.

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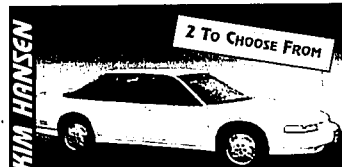


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Idaho

Old West sheriff hangs up his star

With new jail built, Owyhee County's top lawman retires

MURPHY (AP) — "This is all you need to know about running a jail," Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton says, resting a calloused finger on page 77 of his policies and procedures manual.

Page 77 deals with handling inmates, a procedure described as "no different than working with spoiled mustangs."

Jailers are advised that "grubbers need special feed, back biters go alone, the sick pen needs quiet handling. At all times the studs, mares and geldings need complete separation... With patience and a gentle hand, in a short time you may have the making of a good saddle horse."

The author, Nettleton, has a cowboy's instincts. Lanky and cowboying, he comes from pioneer stock, grew up on the range and in philosophy and spirit is closer to the gun-toting lawmen of the Old West than the cellular phone-using sheriffs of today. "He faces down tough hombres and improvises the way sheriffs did 150 years ago," Ada County Sheriff Vaughn Killeen said. "He connects the old with the new."

Comparing inmate behavior with that of horses seems to fit in Owyhee County. Rustling cases, dot the court calendar. The county seat is a town with 50 people and one parking meter. Many of the huge county's isolated communities are even smaller.

Nettleton uses a light plane and a souped-up Camaro to ride herd on a solitude of range and mountains the size of New Jersey.

But not for long. After 26 years behind a badge, he's hanging up his holster. "I'm retiring at the end of the year," he says. "I won't get any more in retirement but I'm going to get a new jail built. That was the main reason I stuck around last time."

When he leaves, it will be as one of Idaho's most popular, and most controversial, law-enforcement officers. A Democrat, he has been elected seven times in a Republican county. He is Idaho's longest-serving active sheriff and something of a local legend — the man who tracked killer Claude Dallas, the tough cop who crawled from a burning airplane, the peace officer who declared war on the Bureau of Land Management.

At 56, he is the archetypal country sheriff. Tall and rawboned, he dresses in Western

shirts and Wranglers, cinched to his wiry frame by a belt with a star for a buckle. "I have a uniform, but I don't wear it," he says. "Out here, a uniform loses the confidence of the people."

Amid the clutter on his desk are a bottle of wine and a bottle of Black Velvet.

Evidence? "No. Bribes." A badge hangs from one side of his belt, a pistol from the other. His taste in footwear runs to Reeboks and cowboy boots. He looks as if a tie would kill him. "I do own a tie," he says. "I bought it for my dad's funeral."

'I throw them away.'

— Sheriff Tim Nettleton, on forms from the U.S. government

In 1970, Chief Deputy Gary Aman says Nettleton differs from most sheriffs in his "ability to use Old West approaches to modern problems. Look at our jail. Our approach to dealing with inmates is the same as working with wild horses. And it works... You may agree or disagree with him, but you can't argue with success."

The Nettleton years haven't been without indiscretions, or critics. The sheriff raised hackles by giving Dallas' gun to a judge as a souvenir, and by challenging the authority of federal agents to police his county. Aman says the department has an inadequate communications system and some malfunctioning or outdated weapons.

Grand View resident David Poseley, a detective with the Mountain Home Police Department and a candidate to replace Nettleton, has a problem with the sheriff's appearance:

"I don't believe a guy stepping out of a pickup looking like a cowboy shows much officer presence. I think a police officer should look like a police officer."

That kind of attitude, especially if it comes in a government edict, tends to raise the sheriff's hackles. "Four or five times a year, I get requests from the federal government to fill out some stupid form," he says. "I throw them away. They threatened to put me in jail once, but I threw the letter away."

In June, Nettleton tried to rescind BLM agents' authority to

act as law officers in his county, at one point forcing an agent to apologize for threatening a motorist with a ticket. The U.S. attorney took exception.

Nettleton says he now has "an uneasy truce with the BLM. They got one manager I think they'll send out here that's always been good to work with. If they send the other one, I'll kill him."

He sounds serious, but his eyes twinkle, and a smile lights his face. Later, he adds that in his years as sheriff he's "never had to shoot anybody. I probably should have."

When he took on the BLM in what he often refers to as "my county," Nettleton had history if not the lawyers on his side. His family has been a force in Owyhee County life since before it was a county.

His great-grandparents moved to Silver City in 1861, after Indians chased them out of Nevada. His great-grandfather worked a year as a carpenter in the mines, then moved to a dugout and later a chalk cave while starting a ranch.

He had the first brand recorded in the county, where the family has ranches for more than 130 years. Nettleton all but grew up on horseback. "I thought you was born that way," he says.

Responsibility came early on the Box T Ranch. "I rode range, did whatever there was to do."

He ran for sheriff because it was too hard to make a living ranching. "I liked the work, but not the pay. I was a broke kid looking for something else to do, and being sheriff looked easy."

The 1970 election was a squeaker. Nettleton's Republican opponent had the political edge, he says, but the real issue was "somebody that knew the county, versus somebody that didn't. He'd only been here a few months. He was from Nampa."

He says it distastefully, as if speaking of Cleveland or Buffalo. In Owyhee County, where 28-year residents are considered newcomers, the Nampa factor was enough to buck the GOP tide — barely. Nettleton won by two votes.

"A lot of the way Tim is to do with the kind of county Owyhee County is," Killeen said. "If you were to look for that kind of place, it would be difficult to find anywhere but Idaho, Wyoming and Montana."

Handbook on water erosion worries some

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A political storm is brewing over stormwater management.

The battle is over an educational handbook being published by the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality. Funding is compliments of a \$73,500 Environmental Protection Agency grant.

Calling the booklet too simplistic, a group of Kootenai County citizens and officials are trying to block publication.

Commission Chairman Dick Compton is poised to ask Division of Environmental Quality regional manager Gwen Burr to delay publication of the handbook, pending review and revision.

The draft booklet is being revised to correct grammatical errors and incorporate other comments suggested by members of the Kootenai County Stormwater Committee, said Brian Hoelscher, water quality science officer for

the division. Aimed at giving contractors the information they need to manage stormwater to delay publication of the handbook, pending review and revision.

Officials there said they do not want to adopt local stormwater management ordinances. Even so, they wanted a booklet to help home builders comply with state laws prohibiting pollution. Hoelscher said.

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Signed By Governor HB825 (Ways and Means) — Increases state fuel tax by 4 cents per gallon effective April 1; increases registration fees for cars and light trucks by an average of \$6.

HB794 (Ways and Means) — Provides limits on the public trust doctrine in Idaho.

SB1508 (Judiciary and Rules) — Establishes lien for cooperative corporations or associations which provide goods or services against an equity interest.

SB1541 (State Affairs) — Includes water facilities within provisions of the Wastewater Facility Loan Account.

Law Without Governor's Signature

SB1472 (Education) — Requires students to stay in school until age 18 to retain driver's license or be enrolled in job training or equivalent program.

SB1568 (Education) — Allows state superintendent of public instruction to accept applications for early teacher retirement this school year.

HB846 (Appropriations) — Appropriation for Vocational Rehabilitation, including \$69,000 for Enkney League.

HB521 (State Affairs) — Grants a special liquor license in Glenns Ferry to a winery on a golf course.

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World

U.S. troops settle into military tradition: Gripping

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — I want a beer! I want to fly the flag! I'm bored and I want to go to town!

U.S. troops are angry about strict military rules in Bosnia, Croatia and Hungary — and they're airing their complaints almost daily in the Germany-based Stars and Stripes newspaper.

Soldiers in the Balkans are not allowed to drink alcohol or fly U.S. flags, and must be confined to their bases. After three months of duty, many are getting fed up.

They are writing three times as many letters as normal to the Stars and Stripes, said Bernard Horvath, editor of the U.S. military's unofficial newspaper, which is traditionally a place for soldiers to air their gripes.

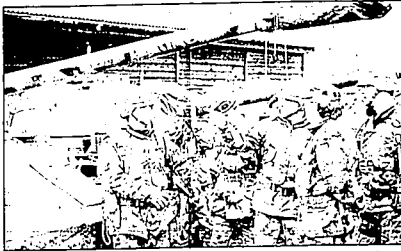
The flag theme showed up in the March 17 issue. Two soldiers complained they were not allowed to fly the American flag at their outposts near U.S. military headquarters in Tuzla, Bosnia.

Spec. Carl "Pete" Peterson — whose hometown, life there and the other letter-writers, was not given in the newspaper — said his wife mailed his flag from home and he attached it to the radio antenna on his armored vehicle. "I got complaints from enlisted personnel as well as high-ranking officers," he wrote. "But now I have been told by my superiors to take it down."

"I was told, 'It came from higher,' and we cannot put the American flag on display for the public to see. Why can other countries display their flags to the public?"

Capt. Kirk E. Sessin also complained about the flag ban.

"As a commander, I watch my soldiers put up with living in the



AP photo

Task Force Eagle commander Gen. William Nash, at center patting, inspects Bosnian government army tanks this week in Zenica. All sides were to have removed troops and weapons from different areas around Bosnia by Tuesday night, the 90th day after the signing of the Dayton peace accord.

mud, eating the same T-rations every day ... (and) overcome the lack of showers by taking 'amm' can' baths," Sessin wrote.

"... So why, after my soldier have put up with all this, and not small amount of danger ... can they do the one thing that inspired a true American soldier's heart more than anything, fly the flag of our great nation above our better position?"

There is no single policy on flag for U.S. troops overseas — the commander of each mission make the rules. In the Balkans mission said Army spokesman Maj. Lei Giampiccolo in Tuzla, each U.S. base camp can fly one American flag.

"That means three flags are allowed to be flown by American

troops in Bosnia — one each at the base camps of the 1st Brigade and 2nd Brigade of the 1st Armored Division, and one at the main headquarters at Tuzla.

Giampiccolo said flags cannot be displayed on vehicles because "over time the flag will become degraded. It will fray on the ends and mud will get on it."

But the ban on alcohol consumption — at the front in Bosnia and also at the supply and support bases in Hungary and Croatia — has been the most frequent source of complaint in the letters to the newspaper.

The ban applies to American troops, but not to their colleagues from other countries in the NATO-led force. As with the flags, the policy is determined by the opera-

tion commander based on local conditions, and U.S. commanders in Bosnia have said they don't want alcohol in Bosnia because of health, prevent unruly conduct and improve relations with the locals.

The Stars and Stripes reported March 9 that two U.S. sergeants had been given less than honorable discharges for violating the alcohol ban, and several others received administrative punishment, such as reductions in rank, pay cuts or letters of reprimand.

U.S. Army Gen. George A. Joulwan, NATO's commander in Europe, issued General Order No. 1 in December, banning alcohol for U.S. soldiers going to the Balkans.

Giampiccolo said the alcohol ban is intended to keep soldiers

healthy, prevent unruly conduct and improve relations with the locals.

The soldiers writing to the Stars

'I think the command is taking this alcohol ban to the extreme.'

— Sgt. Jimmy Bentley, letter to the editor in Stars and Stripes

and Stripes aren't buying those arguments. "Though writing to the editor has been highly discouraged by my chain of command, I thought I would write to air a grievance of mine," said a letter from Sgt. Jimmy Bentley in Tuzla, Hungary. "I think the command is taking this alcohol ban to the extreme. It's bad enough being away from our families for a year. Then they unnecessarily deprive us from a simple recreation."

Another soldier writing from Hungary said the troops are tired of being restricted to their bases. Even soldiers sent from Bosnia for

and-r in Hungary are confined to base. "I am stationed in Kaposvar, Hungary, and have been here since December. I think it's about time our cell doors should be opened so we can mingle with the population of this city," wrote Sgt. Edward T. Morrison.

He said superiors had ordered the troops to remain on base because "We are trying to make a good impression on these people, and we don't want any incidents."

Responded Morrison: "This means we are too immature and irresponsible to go into town, but we are mature enough to die for our country."

Briefly

Burma sentences satirists to prison

RANGOON, Burma — Four dissidents who staged a satire about Burma's military government are the latest targets of its crackdown on followers of democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Mrs. Suu Kyi's party, the National League for Democracy, said Wednesday that the dissidents were sentenced to seven years each in prison. Two of the four were actors and the other two had organized the Jan. 4 performance, which coincided with Burma's annual celebration of its independence from Britain in 1948.

The performance was held at the home of Mrs. Suu Kyi, who won the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize for her long struggle against the military's repressive rule.

Suicide bomber kills Israeli soldier

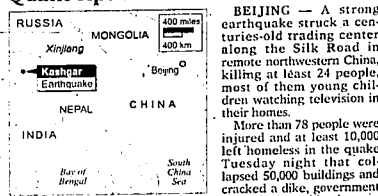
TYRE, Lebanon — A suicide bomber from the Iranian-backed Hezbollah blew himself up near an Israeli army convoy in southern Lebanon Wednesday, killing one soldier. One Israeli civilian was slightly wounded, the Israeli army said.

Israeli troops came under mortar fire around the same time, the Israeli army said, and gunners opened up with 155-mm howitzers and 120-mm mortars against a cluster of Shiite Muslim villages just north of the enclave, according to Lebanese security sources.

The violence came as the United States was making intense diplomatic efforts to prevent Israel from launching a major military strike against Hezbollah guerrillas fighting to dislodge Israel from southern Lebanon.

The explosion occurred in the village of Taibeh, 24 miles from the Lebanese-Israeli border.

Quake rips remote northwest China



BEIJING — A strong earthquake struck a centuries-old trading center along the Silk Road in remote northwestern China, killing at least 24 people, most of them young children watching television in their homes.

More than 78 people were injured and at least 10,000 left homeless in the quake Tuesday night that collapsed 50,000 buildings and cracked a dike, government seismologists said today.

The number of dead, injured and homeless was expected to rise when communications were restored to some of the hardest-hit areas near the epicenter of the quake, 35 miles northeast of the city of Kashgar in the Xinjiang region.

Seventeen of those killed were children under the age of eight, said Buke Aji, director of the Kashgar Seismology Bureau.

France releases Greenpeace flagship

PARIS — France has released the Greenpeace flagship Rainbow Warrior II six months after seizing it during an anti-nuclear protest in the South Pacific.

The ship sailed Tuesday from the French military atoll Hao, although Greenpeace complained it had wanted more time to make the ship seaworthy.

French commandos smashed equipment aboard the Rainbow Warrior when they seized it Sept. 1 off Mururoa Atoll, where the ship was protesting French nuclear tests.

"Our ships are in bad disrepair and we have not had adequate time to check all the systems on board," Andy Trola, the American skipper of the Rainbow Warrior, said Wednesday.

Pope greets pilgrims in Vatican square

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II greeted pilgrims in St. Peter's Square Wednesday in place of his general audience, part of a reduced schedule following an illness last week.

John Paul looked more relaxed than during a public appearance Sunday, and his voice sounded stronger as he thanked people for their prayers and issued greetings in six languages.

"It is an audience that is a bit unusual," the pope told the crowd of several thousand gathered beneath his apartment window.

The pope came down with a fever a week ago, forcing him to cancel his general audience last Wednesday, postpone a trip to Tuscany and make only a limited appearance Sunday at a beatification in St. Peter's Basilica.

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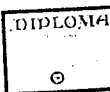
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World



Geologist and broadcaster Anna Grayson, of London, bought a blue rock from a roadside stall in Morocco and later found it is made from a mineral unknown to science.

Blue rock bought in Morocco shifts colors, baffles scientists

LONDON (AP) — A brilliant blue rock bought on vacation as a cheap souvenir is a mineral new to science, geologists confirmed this week.

"The mineral has the most intense blue that we have ever seen," Gordon Cressey, deputy head of the mineralogy department at the Natural History Museum in London, said Wednesday.

Cressey said the mineral mimicked a stained glass window, changing color from blue to purple to transparent depending on the

direction from which light diffracted through it.

Geologist Anna Grayson bought the rock, which doesn't yet have a name, from a roadside souvenir seller in Morocco 15 years ago.

The seller told her it was lapis lazuli, a blue semi-precious stone. It sat in her house near London until last year, when she took it to the Natural History Museum for identification.

After three months of tests, experts this week confirmed it was a previously unknown mineral.

Cressey said about 40 minerals

are discovered around the world each year, but usually in amounts so small "they can hardly be seen by the naked eye."

"This new mineral is so unusual because the specimen is very large and because it is the most strikingly blue mineral ever discovered," he said. Experts will test it in coming months to identify its atomic structure and what, if any, uses the mineral has.

So far, the team of seven researchers has found iron, oxygen, calcium, aluminum and silicon in the mineral, Cressey said.

Russian offensive traps Chechens in their towns

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian tanks and artillery pounded the Chechen town of Samashky for the sixth day in a row Wednesday, but the small rebel force held up there showed no sign of giving up.

Thousands of civilians have fled the Russian assault, but thousands more were said to be trapped.

The Russian military claims it has a no-fire zone, a "humanitarian corridor," so civilians can escape. Russian human rights groups, international aid workers and local officials dispute that contention.

The commander of Russian troops in Chechnya, Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, told the TAP-Tass news agency that some 2,000 people got out of Samashky on Tuesday.

But the Moscow-based human rights group Memorial said the only people who got out were those who fled last week before the assault began.

"Thousands (more) have been hiding in cellars as the ground

shakes from rockets and artillery," it said.

Russian television showed a group of elders from Samashky who traveled to Grozny, the capital, to appeal to military officials for an evacuation.

Samashky is the latest Chechen village in the path of a Russian spring offensive. Tikhomirov also said Russian guns were pounding the southwestern villages of Orekhovo and Stary Achkhoy on Wednesday.

The war, now in its 16th month, has killed up to 30,000 people, most of them civilians. In the past few weeks alone, 18,000 people fled to neighboring Ingushetia. Officials there said they were swamped, and bracing for the spring offensive.

Ingush Vice President Boris Agapov told the Interfax news agency that at least 50,000 people could be displaced by the spring offensive.

Some towns are signing pacts with Russian troops in a desperate bid to avert attacks.

China ends live-fire drills, but continues other exercises

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese military drills using live ammunition in the Taiwan Strait ended Wednesday, although other exercises near Taiwanese islets are to continue through Taiwan's presidential election on Saturday.

The live-fire drills diverted ships and airliners for nine days in the waters separating Taiwan from the mainland. The official Xinhua news agency said normal air and sea traffic could resume Wednesday evening.

The drills were the second in a series of escalating maneuvers Beijing made in hopes of scaring voyagers away from Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui, who it says has dropped their shared goal of reunification.

Beijing regards Taiwan as a

renegade province and has refused to renounce force to retake it. Since 1949, Taiwan has been ruled by the Nationalist government, which fled the mainland after losing the civil war to the Communists.

The war games have done little to shake President Lee's standing as the front-runner in the campaign.

On Wednesday, Lee said he wants better relations with China and eventual reunification — but not until China becomes democratic.

"We would like in the future to have China unified, in freedom (and) democracy," Lee said at a news conference in Taipei. "We are not threats to anybody. We are friends to all people."

Relief official faces arson charge

CLARENVILLE, Newfoundland (AP) — A Salvation Army preacher who claimed a mysterious stranger entered his church, doused him with gasoline and set him on fire was charged Wednesday with setting the blaze himself.

The charge ended weeks of speculation in Little Heart's Ease, a town of about 600 people on the east coast of Newfoundland, over whether the preacher had been telling the truth.

Lee Goulding, 28, returned to

church Feb. 11 after an evening service and was next seen stumbling from the building, his hair and upper body in flames.

Goulding is recovering from severe burns at a hospital in St. John's, Newfoundland's capital. The church was not seriously damaged.

On Wednesday, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police charged Goulding with one count each of arson and public mischief. He is to appear in provincial court April 29.

Islamic leader's supporters win Sudan elections

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Supporters of Sudan's Islamic leader, Lt. Gen. Omar al-Bashir, swept to power as expected in par-

liamentary elections, initial results showed Wednesday.

El-Bashir, who took power in Sudan in a military coup in 1989,

faced 40 largely unknown opponents in the vote for president, and was also expected to win handily.

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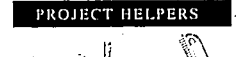
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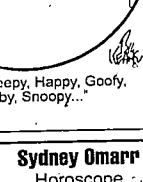
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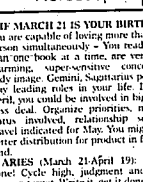
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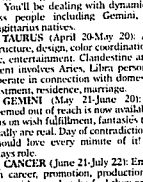
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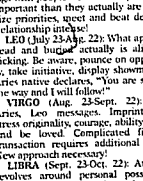
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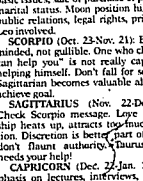
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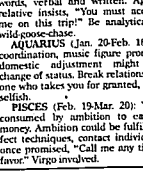
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Jerome Middle School honor roll

The Times-News

JEROME - Jerome Middle School has announced its first semester honor roll. Listed below are students who have achieved high grades.

EIGHTH GRADE

High Honors: Carol Anderson, Joe Atkin, Mandy Baker, Casey Bauer, Todd Capps, Brett Cook, Jamie Crozier, Sam Dehl, Janet Hollifield, Erika Karch, Jeff Marshall, Chris Meservey, Angela Miller, Anna Miller, Jack Mitchell, Brandy Seane, Wendy Pallas, Zach Schiffer, Sara Sullivan and Celeste Wilcox.

Honors: Michelle Alia, Lisa Arellano, Kera Bardsley, Cheryl Baughman, Carina Bean, Tawna Becker, Cody Bingham, Will Black, Brandi Blevins, Keith Carter, Jeremy Clark, Sam Dickinson, Christine Dunne, Amy Everson, Jess German, Socorro Hinton, Elizabeth Gray, Josh Hagley, Kristen Hendrickson, James Hess, Jonathan Higley, Tonya Hinton, Carrie Jackson, Brandon Johnson, Jennifer King, Rachel King, Shauna Kinghorn, Logan Kias, Cadey Larson, Jason Lierman, Kasey Lloyd, Ashley Long, Chandra Manning, Emily Marshall, Annie McClure, Alicia McLimore, Adam McRoberts, Christina Meyer, Natalie Oroscu, Summer Patterson, James Raymond, Hannah Renz, Sara Sharp, Gina Smith, Emily Spencer, Paul Stewart, Casey

Suter, Becky Thibault, Carolyn Thompson, Janna Tolman, Janna Verhore, Brad Walcott, Rick Walker, Cynthia Warner and Erin Williams.

SEVENTH GRADE

High Honors: Julie Bourquin, Andrea Bels, Beth Greenwood, Kelley Jackson, Hillary Johnson, Marcelle Madrigal, Kimberly Madison, Allison Marshall, Karen Marshall, Laura Marshall, Ben Newman, Katie Presscott, Dusty Schwaneveldt, Ashley Seamus, Brad Stokes, Kendra West and Matt Wilson. Honors: Becky Abular, Patricia Anderson, Sean Busby, Thomas Butts, Josiah Bynum, Jenny Campbell, Leah Capps, Colleen Carreira-Cromer, Patrick Crozier, Priscilla De Macedo, Ryan Diehl, Michael Dorevnuvcher, Jared Dumas, Hando Ewever, Ryan Franco, Tyon Frolin, Nicole Gaudet, Erika Garcia, Kimberly Gardiner, Heather Guey, Janna Guey, Shannon German, Will Gibson, Sara Haffner, Matt Hargrave, Katie Howard, Stacy Hurost, Katie Kicken, Erin Lauder, Andrea Mallock, Tronnie McRoberts, Nick Mink, Kim Neal, Ryan Olson, Andrea Olson, Keeley Olson, Nicole Paulos, Jodie Smith, Amy Poey, Nicole Siegers, Megan Smiderly, Heidi Struhal, Chris Stevenson, Tonya Struhal, Kelly Sun, Blake Thompson, Jessica Thompson, Veronica Torral, Jessica Turner and Samantha Vander-Medden.

Frahm Middle School honor roll

The Times-News

GOODING - The first semester honor roll at Frahm Middle School has been released. Students who received high grades are listed below.

EIGHTH GRADE

4.0: Hillary L. Brown, Ann-Marie Caldwell, Ana Mamani, Morgan Schumner and Samantha Stuey. 3.5-4.0: Christopher Arkosch, April Askew, Geoffrey Brown, Karen Dayley, Jack Dewey, Emily Dixon, Luke Ercanbrack, Diva Garcia, Nikki Lee, Madeline McKenzie, Jill Miller, Patricia Miller, Tom Neal, Nathan Quigley, William Sears, Tamara Thompson and Dallas Turner.

3.0-3.5: Amy Anderson, Suzanne Bingham, Brian Brown, Kende Burns, Kirk Caliacorta, Jessica Castle, Krys Child, Zachary Dalton, Sarah Faulkner, William Grover, Lisa Inganger, Amanda Jones, Tim Jones-Warner, Clint Maxwell, Rory Mordhorst, Derek Morgan, Franklin Nebecker, Christopher Patterson, Jylven Perkins, Logan Reed, Savannah Shaver, Jared Smith, Evert Van Bock, Jeremiah Warren, Christopher Watson, Stephen Waugh and Molana Wilkins.

SEVENTH GRADE

4.0: Elizabeth Benta, Amy Bergstrom, Leisa Goodman and Chelsea Wilson. 3.5-4.0: Ashlee Brown, Brian Byrne, Christopher Canine, Kyle Carter, Samantha Getman, Heidi Grimes, Stephanie Lagunas, Annie Nelson, Sarah Peterson, Alondra Rodriguez, Tyler Sabala and Holly Stover. 3.0-3.5: Brenda Alana, Troy Arkosch, Christie Bauserich, Luis Benta, Maria Benta, Jessica Bodenhofer, Dustin Dano, William Ester, Kamil Hansen, Chadd Kasmatis, Theron Kingston, Lewers, Emily Legard, Jed McGuire,

Dana Miles, Heather Oelchner, Amanda Olson, Jordan Peterson, Michelle Peterson, Kenneth Poulson, Michael Smith, Sean Stevenson, Sierra Stout, Amanda Thomas and Austin Turner.

SIXTH GRADE

4.0: Ryan Allison, Daniel Bauman, Jennifer Bellamy, Karrie Capor, Ross Dewey, Jeffrey Miller, William Retherford, Kimberlie Riches, Kevin Rogers, Ashley Skaggs, Becca Sullivan, Katherine Vankleeck and Rebecca Warren. 3.5-4.0: Nikolas Basterrechen, Margaret Bean, Shonie Becker, Kaitlin Borda, Jeannie Braun, Samira Butler, Isidro Chavez, Cody Coates, Andrew Haffner, Jade Harbough, Melinda Hernandez, Breuna Kuhn, Sheena Kuhn, Alicia Kutz, Paul Lequiniche, Katherine McGehee, Adam Metcalf, Meghan Moore, Chelsea Morrow, Lance Nebecker, Ali Nelson, Tara Nyberg, Walter Osborn, Adrienne Paddock, Carr Patterson, Joshua Patton, Ryan Pereira, Jennifer Peterson, Alma Ramos, Jacob Rost, Jacob Spirtan, James Steel, Charlotte Thomas-Morgan, Walker, Emily West, Ayla Wilkins and Kory Wolfe.

3.0-3.5: Joseph Abernathy-Wright, Gary Ainslie, Travis Ballard, Richie Barcellos, Roscanna Bay, Kristina Bokma, Mitchell Born, Nicholas Broske, Tommy Byrne, Seamus Campbell, Dani Carson, Ludvina Chavez, Ashley Colter, Joaquin Cuello, Wendy Edon, Stefan Fuqua, Elizabeth Gabriel, Brian Garcia, Rocio Garcia, Carl Hance, Matthew Homan, Brian Huber, Donald Koski, Monica Lagunas, Maria Martinez, Colin McKenzie, Amanda Miles, Mandy Novis, Benjamin Rasmussen, Juan Rodriguez, Aaron Schmitt, Chance Schumner, Clayton Severance, Cecil Swenson and Amberie Woidan.

Buhl High School honor roll

The Times-News

BUHL - Principal Blake Walsh has announced the first semester honor roll for Buhl High School. Listed below are students who have earned high grades.

SENIORS

4.0: Mary Ann Alves, Kimberlee Childster, Rachel Ewing, Shawna Hatfield, Jennifer McNeill, Lisa Niedermeyer and Nick Weaver.

3.5-4.0: Larry Avelar, Sean Brown, Jenny Butterworth, Denise Clarke, Katherine Clark, Kelly Fairchild, Corie Ferguson, Kelly Franson, Tylan Glander, David Grand, Melanie Hawkins, Cody Karel, Jannell Kral, Ann Lawrence, Bruno Marques, Rekha Miller, Eleasha Nelson, Eric Pearson, Diana Peterson, Julie Smalley, Shane Stutzman, Greg Sullivan, Brant Tennant, Sarah Thorntorow, Andrew Thorst, Paul M. Watson, Erica White, Andrew Williamson and Christal Williamson.

3.0-3.5: Tony Bostock, K.C. Busmann, Kristi Dennis, Brandon Douglas, Joe Figueroa, Ina Horckearth, Charles Hoop, Scott Kirchmar, Jody Kottraba, Sean Lambert, Mike Lee, Ryan Loos, Joey McLenroy, Montessa Mensker, Nate Nihill, Lisa Olson, Douglas Rice and Travis West.

JUNIORS

4.0: Mark Brown, Earl Davis, Amy Hansen, Janie Harder, Jennifer Jones, Jessica McLenroy, Ashlee Robinson, Angela Schoeder and Lindsay Tverdy. 3.5-4.0: Jessica Asay, Kenia Bayon, Jerri Brown, Ryan Eckert, Yolanda Fairchild, Theodore Fleming, Todd Fleming, Melissa Harder, Christie Harris, Alisha Hopkins, Thomas Howell, Cortina Huddleston, Brent Jenkins, Louisa Jerke, Jeremy Kileg, Gavin Lapray, Travis Mackeok, Jeffery Murphy, Jennifer Rose and Michelle Wiggins.

3.0-3.5: Olivia Compton, Marcel Jensen, Jeffrey Jones, Yelena Krysthal, Donald Larsen, Nathaniel Lucas, Jennilyn Moore, Brett Ross, Josh Shepherd, Jana Watson and Levi Woodhouse.

SOPHOMORES

4.0: Jennifer Bartosovsky, Audrey Campbell, Raemi Hudson, Kali Jo Parker and Desiree Stutzman. 3.5-4.0: Sean Brown, Nick Duncan, Autumn Griffith, Amy Hogue, Elizabeth Nield, Jonathan Pereira and Michael Ward.

3.0-3.5: Christopher Avelar, Chelsea Bach, Anthony Bartlett, Chad Brown, Kayla Brown, Tabitha Darrell, Megan Eggleston, Ian Glander, Stephen Hart, Michael Kerr, Melissa Kippes, Joey Kiefer, Jennie Lawrence, Stephanie Lemmons, Judi Lynch, Eric Machacek, Claudia Mendoza-Mora, Erika Mendoza-Mora, Shelli Miller, Sheldon Moddi, Nick Nihill, Shawna Schroeder, Alisha Sharp, Eric Smallwood and Jenah Thornbortow.

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Valley life

Neighbor needs to clean up his act

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have come to the conclusion that you are our only hope. We have had an ongoing problem since moving into our home two years ago.

Our trash is picked up weekly in the alley at the rear of our home. We have a neighbor who uses one broken plastic container for his trash.

The container is full early in the week, so by the end of the week, there is unwrapped garbage all over. We fear the worst — rats.

The sanitation men do an excellent job, but it's not their responsibility to scoop up garbage that's scattered on the ground.

I've thought about confronting this neighbor, buying him more trash cans, even sending him pictures of the mess — anonymously, of course.

Our dilemma is this: He's not a bad neighbor. His children play



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

with our children and we like him — we just want his trash to be contained like the rest of the neighbors'. Above all, we don't want any hard feelings.

Please help, but keep us anonymous.

—EVANSVILLE, IND.
DEAR ANONYMOUS: Sending your neighbor pictures of his garbage won't help — I'm sure he already knows what a mess it is. Call your sanitation department and ask if there are city regulations about garbage containers (I'm sure there are). Ask the director of the department to write a letter to your neighbor pointing

out the infractions and insisting on compliance.

If the letter doesn't cause the neighbor to correct the problem, explain your concerns to him and request that additional containers be purchased — and used.

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, I ordered your cookbooklet "Dear Abby's Favorite Recipes," and only just now have tried one of your recipes — the Burgundy Lamb Shanks. No need to tell you just how delicious they were. Even my husband — who doesn't like lamb — raved over them. I plan on serving this lively feast to guests some evening soon.

They are particularly suitable for entertaining, as I made them the day before (as you suggested), reheated them in the oven and served them on a bed of rice. Now I'm eager to try out a few more of your ideas.

Cookbooks are one of my hobbies. I think it's a real loss that most of our old recipes are disappearing and being replaced by ones mostly based on the quickness and ease of preparation, with not much time or love involved. They certainly would never be able to compete with your Burgundy Lamb Shanks. Thank you so much for sharing!

—MURIEL MCMAHON,
WEST VANCOUVER, B.C.

DEAR MURIEL: Thank you for the kind words. Granted, many homemakers are now in the work force and have limited time for cooking, but those who love the process as well as the result still manage to put together an occasional meal the old-fashioned way. Cooking is an interesting hobby, and one that provides a unique opportunity for bonding. Every time I cook with a new friend, I learn something.

Hospital staff gives more than \$15,000 in donations

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The medical staff at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center recently donated \$15,862.50 in support of the MVRMC Foundation's Medical Library Fund and Nursing Continuing Education Endowment. Individual donors included the following doctors:

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Over the past six years, the medical staff as an organized group has donated more than \$93,800 to these two funds. The figures does not include their individual gifts to the various programs and events sponsored by the foundation.

For information concerning any of the foundation's programs, call Larry Baxter at 737-2480.

Center for New Directions schedules 3 new programs

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho has scheduled three programs that begin soon.

• "Self-Defeating Behaviors and How to Overcome Them" is planned for 1:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 28 through April 25, at the center. Self-defeating behaviors prevent adults from reaching their goals. Participants will learn to identify these behaviors and develop skills to overcome them. Attendance at all five classes is required. Cost is \$10. Registration deadline is March 26.

• "Gaining Access to Employment" is a 20-hour course set to begin at 9 a.m. March 26. It is designed for unemployed or underemployed adults who are ready to begin a job search and want accurate job and career information. Participants will identify their transferable skills, values, personal barriers and more. Cost is \$20, which includes career interest testing. Scholarships are available. An appointment is required before registration.

• A self-esteem workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 30 at the center. Those attending will identify the builders and disablers of self-esteem, learn how self-esteem can affect their

lives and develop skills to nourish healthy self-esteem. Cost is \$25, which includes lunch.

Call 736-0070; 737-9554, Ext. 2680; or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2680.

Gooding class of '76 seeks missing mates

The Times-News

GOODING — The Gooding High School Class of 1976 is planning a 20th class reunion and looking for the following classmates:

Mike Masonholder, Shirley Waddams, Carol Grimm, Trudy Christiansen, Barrett, Rhonda/Debbie Kandler, Leah

Meline, Kathy Nordstrom, Larry Boone, Larry Woodbury, Lisa Higgins and Kevin Merritt.

Anyone who has information about any of the above is asked to call Patty at 934-4378 in the evening or write to Class of 1976, 2080 South 1800 East, Gooding 83330-5210.

Valley happenings

North Side Grief Support Group meets

JEROME — The North Side Grief Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Calvary Episcopal Church, 201 S. Adams. All people who have experienced the loss of a family member or friend are welcome. A free spaghetti dinner will be served. For more information, call Myra at 324-6906 or Jeff at 324-8931.

Optimist Club gathers in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Optimist Club will meet at 7 p.m. today at the Uptown Bistro on Main Street. Newly formed, the Magic Valley Optimists is a separate chapter from the Twin Falls Club. The group met March 14 and elected officers and a board of directors. Anyone interested in joining the non-profit, youth-oriented organization is welcome. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. every Thursday night.

For more information, call Archie Goodman at 733-2049, George Gilmore at 734-5952 or Brenda Thompson at 734-5905.

Jerome Elks Ladies plan flea market

JEROME — The Jerome Elks Ladies have planned their annual flea market fund-raiser for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Elks Lodge, 101 S. Alder. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to shop for new and used items. Proceeds will be used for the donations made by the Elks Ladies to such organizations as the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, Veterans Hospital Volunteer Services, Camp Rainbow Gold, Elks Charity Baskets and Christmas donations.

Bliss Community Church sets dinner

BLISS — The Bliss Community Church has planned its annual fund-raising dinner for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. Admission is by donation. A pie auction will be held. The public is invited.

Help Barnkow celebrate 100th

WENDELL — Alma "Sue" Barnkow will celebrate her 100th birthday at an open house set for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Senior Center, 105 W. Ave. A.

Alma Berg was born March 24, 1896, in Wausau, Wis. She was married first to Arthur Smith and then to Sidney Barnkow. She moved to Wendell after her second husband's death 18 years ago. The event is hosted by her children, Jeannette Jackson of Spokane, Wash., June Kinnaman of Jerome, and William Smith of Kayville, Utah, and their families. She has eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. No gifts please.

Learn how to prune roses Saturday

TWIN FALLS — A hands-on lesson in rose pruning will be given by Cathy Walworth on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the commemorative rose garden at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

Bring clean pruners, gloves, trash bag and rose questions. This is a working rose garden. Free clinics are offered to anyone who wants to know more about roses and their care.

If it rains, the session will be moved to the following Saturday, March 30.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News Valley Happenings, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

CSI offers geriatric specialty class

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A geriatric specialty class for certified nurse's aides is being offered by the College of Southern Idaho.

Class will meet from 5 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays for five

weeks beginning March 25. Mary DeTienne will be the instructor. Enrollment is limited to 20 students. The fee is \$70, and some scholarships available.

Registration at the CSI Records Office or at an outreach center in Halley, Burley or Gooding.

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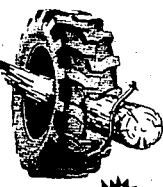
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Thursday, March 21, 7-9 p.m., MVRMC Education Center
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Outdoors

Where solitude reigns supreme Yet Big Cottonwood Canyon is sanctuary to many

By William Brock
Times-News writer

This old dog learned a new trick

It was purely by accident that Field trained Gyper to be "steady on point" — so steady that she caused him grief. Nevertheless, she pointed and stayed, a quality Field would die for.

Gyper was a wiry little pointer that had gotten the best of Field, and she'd kept it ever afterward. She did just what she wanted. The only reason, according to Field, that he kept her was because she pointed.

I watched Field work her and I figured she pointed because she had no choice: Her nose and breeding took over, and in spite of herself she'd slam on point.



Bill Studebaker
Dog-eared tales

However, after she established point, she'd break.

If it was a planted bird, she'd bust in, put both front paws on it, and hold it down until Field got there, waving his arms and shouting, "Not! Not! Not!" Then Gyper would wag her tail, lie down, and roll over on her back.

Her submissive behavior always confused Field. He didn't know what to do, so he'd just scold her and send her off after the next bird. If it were a wild bird, Gyper busted in just the same — but the bird would pull sky under its wings and beat for the horizon. Gyper would lunge coming down with a few tail feathers.

Predictably, Field would turn toward her, waving his arms and shouting, "Not! Not! Not!"

Gyper was not so submissive when she busted a wild bird. If she didn't go off half-bent after the bird, she'd stand there all buggy-eyed — wild and impatient.

She was predictable that way, but Gyper abruptly learned to change her ways one day in the Big Desert.

We were riding in Field's pickup. I had a dog in the back, locked up in a car kennel, but Field had decided not to take a kennel. It was a nice day, and he remarked that the sunshine would be good for Gyper. So, he loaded her in the back of the open bed and let her ride farm-dog style.

We were going slowly because the road was filled with chuckleheads. Field was busy talking and swearing to miss the holes; I was keeping "an eye" on Gyper. I expected her to fall overboard with every swerve and bump.

Under the conditions, Field couldn't have been doing more than 30 or 35 miles an hour.

Suddenly, a big cock pheasant flushed out of the sage to our left. Field and I admired it like a 30-point elk. It rose, then glided over the back of the truck like a zeppelin.

Of course, Gyper saw him. She flash pointed, then lunged — twisting and snapping like a fish after a fly. I hollered at her to stop and Field slammed on the brakes, slowing the truck broadside in the road.

I saw the cock dip; beat his wings hard, then right himself — just as Gyper got a mouth full of tail feathers. He flummed on ungraciously, but Gyper came straight down — hard — landing smack on her back. She lay in the middle of the road, not a muscle twitching. It looked bad. Field bolted out of the truck and ran to her, hollering, "My God, she's dead!"

She wasn't. That crazy old dog simply had the wind knocked out of her. There were a few gravel scratches on her back, but she was still in good working order. It's hard to damage a creature with a skull as thick as hers.

We got her to her feet and plucked the gravel out of her wounds as best we could.

Though it left only superficial cuts, the incident wrought a far deeper change on Gyper. From that moment on, she never broke point again. She lost all interest in "flushing" birds.

After that accident, tail feathers were just tail feathers and Gyper was happy to be a spectator.

Over the years, Bill Studebaker has spent a lot of time with dogs like Gyper. When he's not in office, he can be found teaching English at the College of Southern Idaho.

OAKLEY — Nothing is a sure bet when it comes to spotting wild animals, but the odds are in your favor on a visit to Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Only 40 miles from Twin Falls, the canyon is a *de facto* wildlife park inhabited by bighorn sheep, wild turkey, quail, pheasant, grouse, mule deer, rabbit, beaver, coyote, mountain lion and plenty of other critters. Hikers prowl the skies and cutthroat trout dart for cover in the clear, cool waters of Big Cottonwood Creek.

It's a fairly undisturbed place where you can get away from it all pretty easily," says Carl Nellis, regional supervisor for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Recognizing its wild character, Fish and Game bought 814 acres around the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon to create a "wildlife management area" in 1993.

It's an ideal place for wildlife, but it's also convenient for human visitors because the trail is fairly flat. Hikers, bicyclists and horses are welcome; motor vehicles aren't.

The trail winds through fragrant juniper and sage, while the creek is lined with cottonwood, willow, birch, alder and sumac.

Big Cottonwood Creek chatters noisily for most of its length but periodically falls silent behind beaver dams.

On the whole, it's an idyllic sanctuary from the hectic pace of modern life.

"You can walk all day and not see any one on a road, which is pretty unusual for the South Hills," says Tony Apa, a Fish and Game biologist who oversees the Big Cottonwood Wildlife Management Area.

The 14-mile trail extends all the way to Bozeman.

Of all its residents, bighorn sheep are the star attraction in Big Cottonwood Canyon. The sheep typically hang out on flinty crags along the east side of the canyon's mouth, just behind a small cluster of homes.

They are easily seen with the naked eye, but a small pair of binoculars is useful for closer inspection.

Bighorn are native to the area, Nellis says, but the local herd is comprised of sheep from the Owyhee canyonlands that were turned



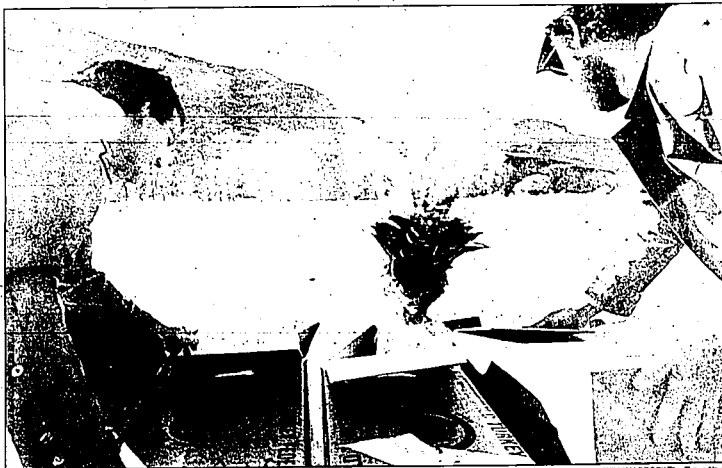
These California quail from the Nampa area were released last month.

How to get there

From Twin Falls, drive east on Highway 30 about four miles past Murtagh, then turn south. The junction is marked by a brown wooden sign emblazoned with a map of the area.

Drive south six miles, then turn east for one mile, then head south again on Mountain Road. Keep your eyes peeled for big cottonwood trees and a sign announcing Big Cottonwood Canyon.

In addition to its wildlife, the area around Big Cottonwood Canyon has a colorful human history. Shoshone Indians hunted and gathered



This Rio Grande turkey from eastern Oregon was set free near Big Cottonwood Creek one year ago.

loose about nine years ago. Decades ago, female bighorn were known as "ibex" — a term commemorated by Ibex Peak, a few miles to the south.

Wild turkeys from eastern Oregon also have been released in Big Cottonwood Canyon. The robust Rio Grande gobblers are thriving, Nellis says, "and if they continue to do well, it's entirely possible that we'll have a limited spring season up there."

Yet another reintroduction project, which began last month, involves California quail from the Nampa area.



Though it's not archery season, these bowhunters from Burley enjoyed a recent outing to hone their skills in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

A few hardy souls settled in the area, but Big Cottonwood Canyon has always been a place where nature has the upper hand and solitude reigns supreme.

Oregon farmer calls her ranch U.N. of animals

The Associated Press

DRAIN, Ore. — Elk are perhaps the "least out-of-place animals on Lois Jordan's ranch. A native herd shows up once in a while just to huddle over the high fences at the 51 Roosevelt and Rocky Mountain elk on the ranch side.

"I've always said my house is kind of the United Nations of animals," Jordan says. "There's a little bit of everything."

Did she say a little bit? Get this:

There are Sicilian donkeys, Indian antelope and Chinese barking deer. There are a serval and a caracal, both semi-large African cats; four Grant's zebras; and a coatimundi, the South American cousin to local raccoons.

Then there's a miniature pony and a few head of miniature Hereford cattle.

Did we mention the 43-year-old African yellow-spotted tortoise? The silver and red foxes? The Spanish goats, which actually hail from Texas? And all of those are in addition to a sizable menagerie of relatively common critters scattered in pastures, cages and pens around her 250-acre spread a few miles southwest of Drain.

There are more than 50 cats, a half-dozen or so dogs of various interesting breeds, swans and white peacocks, flocks of Egyptian geese and guinea fowl and, of course, Jimmy Dean. He's the 7-year-old Duroc hog whose size and slobbery grin tend to startle visitors to the main barn.

"I don't think most people let their pigs get to be 7 years old," Jordan says.

No, but then most people wouldn't turn them under the house garage into a combined cattery and parrot room. Or to be so accommodating with some fairly eccentric animals.

Take those Chinese barking deer, for



Rancher Lois Jordan hugs Treasure, one of the members of her elk herd, in the barnyard of her Drain, Ore., area ranch.

instance, "I had one I raised in the house," Jordan says, "noting the species' leaping ability. "She slept on top of the clothes dryer."

And how about the big Muscovy duck

that sits unperturbed atop a wooden shelf outside Jordan's back door? "That's where he takes all his meals," she says. "He used to take them on the hood of my car until it got too scratched up."

Jordan, who came here in 1989 by way of Texas, Thailand and California, just can't resist an animal's charm.

She laughs about it herself but is mat-

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D2

Minnesota winter has been unyielding

By Chris Niskanen
Knight-Ridder News Service

"OK, try stepping off your skis," the Old Grouse Hunter said. "Let's see how far you get."

We had cross-country skied into a tamarack swamp in Aitkin County (Minn.) last week, checking the woods for signs of life. Once our skiing put us deep into the forest, the Old Grouse Hunter, a friend and hunting companion, wanted to test a theory.

Following his instructions, I stepped out of the bindings and put both feet on the snow.

I sunk to my waist. After a few steps, I was hopelessly stuck. Had it not been a warm day, I would have been freezing as well.

"Now," the Old Grouse Hunter said with a knowing smile, "what would you do if I took your skis away from you?"

"I'd die," I said. "I might try to crawl across the crust to the road, but not likely. I'd build a fire and wait to be rescued."

The Old Grouse Hunter leaned on a ski pole.

"You'd never walk out alive, that's for sure."

He was right: The snow was so deep — still about two feet — that walking out of the woods was impos-

Commentary

sible, a reminder of how extraordinary the winter of 1995-96 has been, and continues to be.

The snow never seemed to stop, combining with the brutal cold to kill untold numbers of wildlife. Experts agree many will die yet. They agree also that this winter will be a benchmark to which future winters will be compared.

To get the full effect, you have to take a ski tour through the woods.

The Old Grouse Hunter and I didn't find any dead deer, probably because they were yarded up in another corner of the woods.

But we discovered old deer tracks — large, feeble plunges into the snow.

"This one came to the edge of the woods and just turned around," the Old Grouse Hunter said, pointing to the divots in the snow. "The deer just gave up."

We saw wolf tracks, angling purposefully along the edge of the swamp. The snow crust was hard enough to allow the predators to lunge across the surface. Perhaps the wolves had been hunting the deer, but we found no carcass.

Not far away, we crossed two sets

of coyote tracks, one animal following in another's footsteps.

The tracks were fresh.

"Probably this morning," said the Old Grouse Hunter.

The next tracks were fox, also from the morning. We followed them to the top of a large snowdrift where the fox had curled up and taken a nap. You could make out the form of its body, the imprint of its tail.

The Old Grouse Hunter and I agreed it would be a good place to hunt fox and coyotes some day.

We skied on, following a frozen river. It was a curve, white ribbon through the swamp. In three weeks, it will be full of wood ducks, teal and mallards. Now it was ice.

We found a pair of ruffed grouse tracks. We could see where the bird landed, then tried repeatedly to plunge under the snow. Ruffed grouse do that to escape predators.

"The crust was too thick," the Old Grouse Hunter said, flinching the plunge marks. "Look here. That's where he flew away."

We stopped and built a fire. The swamp was pleasantly quiet. We talked about how these woods were more of a wilderness than the Boundary Waters will ever be. With the exception of a few deer hunters, we agreed, no one would ever come to this place.

We cooked brown trout on sticks over the fire, savoring the pungent smell of wood smoke on a winter day.

We marveled at how the snow had buried even some larger trees.

After the Old Grouse Hunter, made me prove his theory of the futility of walking to the truck, he shook his head. "I've never seen anything like this," he said.

The fire burned down into the snow, eventually drowning itself out.

We skied toward the road, crossing another set of fox tracks and more grouse signs. We passed two wood duck houses and a decrepit tree stand.

We came to the road and found where an otter had flopped down on a nearby creek bank. You could see otter tracks, then a belly mark on the bank and tracks again.

We searched for the otter's tell-tale hole, but could not determine where it had come from, or where it was going.

We decided it was traveling, like us, through a snow-filled land where spring cannot come too soon.

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Briefly

Counties limit guns in, near canyon

JEROME — The arrival of spring means different things to different people and, for some southern Idahoans, it means gunfire.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game urges spring shooters to exercise caution — especially in and around the Snake River Canyon. The agency recommends firearms enthusiasts use a safe backdrop to catch stray bullets if they miss their target.

Shooting at canyon walls and rocks is extremely dangerous because of the potential for ricochets.

Anyone tempted to drag out the old shooting iron should remember that Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooder counties all have orders that prohibit gunplay on private lands in and near the Snake River Canyon. Specifically, firing anything larger than a .17-caliber weapon is forbidden unless the shooter has permission from the landowner; shotguns are exempt.

In Twin Falls County, the prohibition applies to side canyons such as Salmon Falls Creek, Cedar Draw, Rock Creek and Deep Creek.

Evening of slides features whitewater

HAILEY — Anyone with an interest in whitewater boating is invited to share an evening of slides and stories on April 3.

Bill Sedivy, editor of "River's End — A Collection of Bedtime Stories for Whitewater," will show slides and read from his book at the Sun Valley Brewing Co. in Hailey. The program begins at 7 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Idaho Rivers United and Ski-Tek donations will be accepted at the door.

Sedivy will recount tales of high adventure and low comedy from some of the world's finest whitewater paddlers. His slides depict scenes from the Grand Canyon, Great Falls of the Potomac, Gauley River, and other challenging rivers.

Rare slides of kayakers on the Bear River, in extreme southeastern Idaho, also will be shown. The Bear River is diverted for hydroelectric generation, so it rarely has enough water for boating.

For more information, call Idaho Rivers United at 1-800-574-7481, or Ski-Tek at 726-7503.

Ski area collects money for new lift

HAILEY — The old Rotarun Ski Area is on the ropes and supporters of the folksy little ski hill are collecting money to buy a new lift for next winter.

The non-profit ski area has been operating with just a rope tow, but volunteers are hoping to raise \$200,000 to buy and install a new lift for the 1996/97 ski season.

Rotarun was founded by the local chapter of the Rotary Club in the late 1950s to provide affordable skiing for the community. The ski area was where one of the world's top female skiers — Picabo Street — learned to ski.

For more information, call Bob Logan at 788-2945 or Don Board at 788-3138.

See show on alpine climbing tonight

SUN VALLEY — Anyone with an interest in alpine climbing is invited to a free slide show at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Alpinist Mark Wilford will recount daring ascents of some of the world's most intimidating peaks — including the Eiger in Europe, K2 in Asia, and Cerro Torre in South America.

His program, sponsored by The Elephant's Perch, will be held in the Sawtooth Room behind the Sun Valley Post Office.

Sailboat owners invited to join group

TWIN FALLS — Anyone who owns or has access to a Laser sailboat is encouraged to join a local sailing association.

The group hopes to stage informal races on weekday evenings at Murtagh Lake during spring and summer, on weekends, some local skippers may set sail for Boise or Salt Lake City.

Lasers are easy to sail, 1300 cc, and can be carried atop a car or on a trailer. Used Lasers often sell for less than \$1,000.

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New parks guide available for Idaho

BOISE — An expanded State Parks Guide is now available. The new 64-page guide gives basic information on all of Idaho's 22 state parks and the City of Rocks National Reserve, which is managed jointly by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Park Service. Maps of each park are included in the guide. A complete fee schedule and information on group camping are also included.

The new guides are free, and available at all Idaho state parks, and most visitor information centers around the state.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Fishing for attention



Robert Ball of Forks, Wash., fishes for steelhead on the Hoh River south of Forks. Ball and a group of fishermen were protesting the fact that tribal fishing was allowed while sports anglers were shut out of the river. The anglers wanted to be cited to garner attention to the situation, but no wildlife enforcement officers were in the area.

Witness tells jury she thought she was on bears' menu

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — The mother who called a neighbor for help when three black bears tried to break into her home said she first was worried about livestock, but that changed quickly to concerns for survival.

"I never thought I'd be faced with an evening when I thought I was on the menu," Jeanie Flavin said in Jefferson County Court here Tuesday.

Flavin was testifying in the trial of her Conifer-area neighbor Karl Mayne, who is accused of cruelty, killing wildlife and hunting illegally for shooting two cubs and a sow at Flavin's home last September.

Flavin testified she knew of the dangers of bears, even 50-pound cubs. From growing up with wildlife, she knew wild bears didn't normally approach residences, and also that bears recent-

ly had broken sheds and killed sheep in her neighborhood.

When the cubs approached a full-length window on her deck, she said, "If they decided to, I knew they could come into my house and there was really nothing I could do."

So she, her husband and mother tried to frighten them.

"We screamed, we yelled, we hit the walls, we were flashing lights,"

but nothing worked, she said.

Defense attorney Wade Eldridge asked, "You were afraid you would be the steelhead for tonight?" And Flavin said, "Absolutely."

And not only for herself, she said. Her children are special-needs adoptees, and their house is downstyle, without latchingable bedroom doors.

If the bears entered, she said, there was no place to hide.

Animals

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ter-of-fact about her motive.

"I live here with my animals, this is what I enjoy doing," she says. "Everybody says, 'Oh, you're out there by yourself, don't you get lonely?' I never get lonely."

"This is my hobby," she says, sweeping her arm across the crowded barnyard. "The other stuff is my vocation."

The "other stuff" being elk. But then, the line between hobby and vocation is indistinct, at best.

Like the rest of her animals, most of the elk have names: There are the Roosevelts, Rosie and Eleanor, there's 2-year-old Molly, Jordan's first bottle-fed, and coddled, baby; and there's Treasure, who was born last July and romps alongside Jordan's four-wheeler all over the ranch.

"This is Bette Davis," she says, feeding grain and alfalfa to several cow elk on a back pasture. "She's got the most intense eyes."

Elk ranching is demanding, expensive and potentially dangerous, especially in rutting season. There have been cases in Oregon of ranchers being kicked, trampled or gored.

But it was a recent incident in a runaway tractor that gave Jordan the biggest scare of her ranching career. She was working a fence on a steep hillside north of her home, clearing away trees that fell during

this winter's series of wind, rain and snow storms. The tractor's brakes suddenly failed, and she freewheeled down the fence line to more level terrain.

"I've always said I'd meet my maker with an animal," Jordan says. "But I don't think that John Deere qualified."

Jordan is one of five women in the country who raise elk on their own. Her ranch is among just a handful in Oregon where the domestic elk industry is tightly controlled to prevent crossbreeding with native herds. Her elk-ranching license is among several state and federal permits she has to obtain for her various animals, and all of the elk are registered and marked with ear tags.

Although she sold 10 elk calves last year, her overall intent is still to build and expand her herd.

Right now, the money in Oregon is in breeding stock, she says. A bull elk recently sold for \$24,000, proven cows can bring \$7,000 or \$8,000 and heifers, females elk that haven't yet been bred, sell for \$3,000 to \$4,000.

But once production rises in the Northwest, other possibilities are expected to open up.

"The meat market is supposed to be the thing," Jordan says. "But right now, I think it's the velvet."

Those are the new antlers that bull elk grow each year. The horns

are sold in California and shipped to the Far East, usually Korea, where they are ground to powder and used as medicine that purportedly rejuvenates and relieves joint pain.

When timed just right, the antlers can be painlessly removed and will fetch \$30 to \$50 per pound, with the best racks weighing 30 pounds or more. That's as much as \$1,500 for a rack, which, as Jordan points out, is a renewable product.

Jordan, who is 61 and looks 10 years younger, was born and raised in south-central Texas. She married "too young," she says, moved to Carmel, Calif., and divorced shortly after the birth of her son, who is now grown and living in Phoenix.

She had worked for the Texas Board of Insurance and for a black Angus cattle ranch during the marriage, but she abruptly switched gears to become a military wife when she remarried, this time to a high-ranking U.S. officer, who served four tours in Vietnam. She lived in Bangkok, working as a secretary at an international school, while he helped direct the war effort.

But she also began a side business of kenneling U.S. families' pets when they were sent back stateside, cutting through the complicated rigamarole of customs and eventually shipping the animals back to their families.

Major mange outbreak could ravage coyote, fox

By John Husar
Chicago Tribune

Wildlife biologists have evidence of a major mange outbreak on the northern prairies that could devastate coyote and red fox populations and threaten many other species of mammals, including people.

In the hardest-hit upper third of North Dakota, experts say, coyotes could be down by 25 percent and fox by as high as a third, and possibly by more even more.

That is the estimate of Steve Allen, a veteran North Dakota furber biologist who blew the whistle on an outbreak of disease that has begun to capture widespread attention.

"I've been here 30 years and there are other guys in the Fish and Game Department who have been here longer than I have. None of us has seen anything like this," Allen said by telephone last week.

Added Mike McInroe, supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service habitat office in Bismarck: "What we're seeing this winter is no animals in some very large areas. You don't even see tracks in fresh snow. In other areas, there is a very reduced observation of animals."

Allen said he began observing signs of mange in North Dakota's Canadian border counties in 1988. The disease is transmitted by lice and spread throughout Minnesota — including timberwolves — and to parts of South Dakota and Montana.

Allen said mange has been endemic in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan since the early 1900s, rising and falling in random cycles. But he believes the new out-

break has come from southern Manitoba, where severe incidences of mange have been reported in recent years.

"It's a terrible thing to see," Allen noted. "Animals become so weak they are incapacitated. They become painfully infected to the point where they can't get up. I wouldn't wish it on anybody."

Marsha Sovada of the U.S. Biological Service's northern prairie station in Jamestown, N.D., said mange is transmitted by a very small scabies mite that burrows into the skin and causes severe itching. She said this is the same mite that can transmit "scabies" to people.

"The animal furiously scratches until it loses fur and even opens huge gashes in the skin," Sovada said. "Animals who have been exposed to the disease in the severe cold of winter because they didn't have enough hair for protection. Others die of secondary infections. The animals don't die of mange itself, but of secondary results caused by mange."

While no transmission to humans has been reported, Allen said the disease is extremely contagious.

"If you touch an animal that is infested with the mite, you will have mange," he said. "Unless, of course, you use heavy protective gloves and things of that sort. And this infection will not be a simple thing that can be controlled with a little calamine lotion. You will need shots of powerful medicine. Fortunately, these animals are nocturnal and very shy and they tend to hide even more when they are sick."

Activists: Utah bill is menace to wilderness

By Bill Schulz
The Associated Press

Conservationists nationwide are angry about a bill that purports to protect 1.7 million acres of Utah wilderness but could end up making it less wild.

"This bill in Utah is dangerous. It's something that can come back and haunt" congressmen from states who vote on the bill, said Jim Baca, former director of the Bureau of Land Management. Baca is helping The Wilderness Society fight the proposed legislation.

The measure is to be brought up for a House vote March 19 as part of an omnibus environmental bill.

That bill would also provide for the purchase of lands in Sterling Forest, around river headwaters in New Jersey, to help protect area water supplies and set aside the Presidential area in San Francisco as a national park.

The Utah bill is attached to the Sterling Forest bill.

after backers decided they couldn't win on the measure by itself. "What they're hoping is that they can just kind of tag this thing along like a rider on an appropriations bill and get it done," said Ken Rait, executive director of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

Baca said supporters see the bill as a tool to undo the 1964 Wilderness Act.

BLM manages 22 million acres of Utah land. In the 1980s, Utah residents surveyed the land and picked 5.7 million acres as potential wilderness. A bill to protect it failed in the Senate.

This year, Utah politicians got together and came up with the 1.7 million acre figure, Rait said.

The problem, according to opponents of the bill, is that the legislation would actually harm the land it is supposed to protect.

"What they would do is allow for off-road vehicle use, jet skis, campfires, towers and dams" in the "wilderness" area, Baca said.

"We don't set aside wilderness as havens for dam builders," he said. "We set aside wilderness so that we can pass to future generations areas untrammeled by human works."

Also contained in the bill are provisions that would specifically mandate the rest of the BLM lands in Utah for development. The customary language in a wilderness bill allows areas not included to be studied for possible future designation as wilderness.

The reason, Rait said, is some of the areas contain tar sands.

"If oil ever goes to \$150 a barrel, developing those areas becomes economically feasible," he said.

Baca and Rait called on House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who oversaw renewal of the conservation landmark — the Conservation Reserve Program — this session, to see that the Utah legislation is pulled out of the Sterling Forest bill.

Three of Gingrich's staffers said they did not know the speaker's position on the bill.

If Gingrich gets the Utah legislation killed, Rait said, "environmental groups will recognize this as a very positive move on his part, because the Utah bill is on the radar screen of every environmental group nationwide."

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Polaris tests environmentally sensitive snowmobile

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. — (AP) Under prodding from Yellowstone National Park, the makers of Polaris snowmobiles have quietly begun testing an environmentally sensitive model despite questions about how big a market exists for it.

Polaris Industries Inc. confirmed that a sled with a four-cycle engine was tested in Yellowstone this winter. A refined version is expected back next winter, but Polaris said the program is still not even at the prototype stage.

"The effort was purely research and development," said LaRae Krahn, manager of engineering support for the snowmobile manufacturer. The goal is to produce a

quiet machine with low emissions, she said, and this test model was sent here for Park Service evaluation.

"We know we have to be proactive as far as emissions, are concerned," she added.

"It's a nice first effort," said Bob Seibert, a Yellowstone ranger who drove the sled for an afternoon. "Right now it doesn't have a lot of oomph" to it but it's fine for touring the park.

And, he added, "You can't taste the oil in the air when you're around it."

Winter use of Yellowstone has boomed in recent years. The vast majority of the 140,000 or so winter visitors arrive on snowmobiles

using two-cycle engines, which burn a combination of gas and oil and pump huge amounts of emissions into the park air.

The National Park Service challenged the industry last year to produce a cleaner machine. But the industry received the challenge quietly, questioning how big the market would be for a sled that might be cleaner, but also would have less power.

Ed Klim, president of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association in East Lansing, Mich., said the industry has publicly committed itself to building a cleaner machine. But its main public effort so far has been to work on a plan for testing emis-

sions of existing sleds.

However, West Yellowstone Mayor Glen Loomis, who with his brother Gale runs a Polaris dealership here, said Polaris has been working on a four-cycle snowmobile for at least a year, and brought one here last winter under wraps. The company still will not allow photographs of the engine.

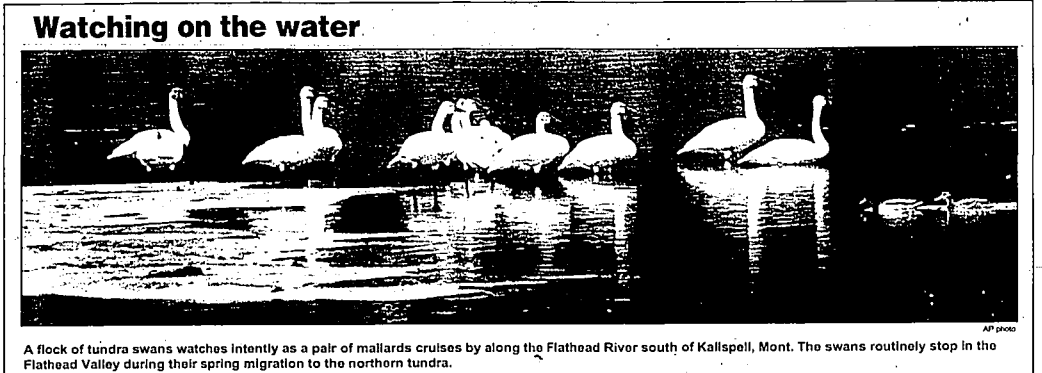
The current 26-horsepower test model is underpowered. With one rider it will cruise about 45 mph — the speed limit in Yellowstone — but with a second rider it bogs down considerably.

Other models with more horsepower are being worked on, Loomis said, and he is negotiating with Polaris to have three

machines here for longer field tests next winter. One of them would be made available to the Park Service, he said.

The four-cycle snowmobiles probably wouldn't appeal to people who race and like to climb hills, but many snowmobilers, especially those who rent machines to tour Yellowstone and the surrounding area, are content to stay on groomed trails.

However, the Loomis brothers said the market may be bigger than expected. Powerful racing and climbing sleds "are not necessarily what the touring public wants," Gale Loomis said. "If you make it for Yellowstone, there's going to be other places for it."



A flock of tundra swans watches intently as a pair of mallards cruises by along the Flathead River south of Kallispell, Mont. The swans routinely stop in the Flathead Valley during their spring migration to the northern tundra.

Transplanted bighorns make Montana history

ROCK CREEK, Mont. (AP) — It starts out like any other Sunday morning for the bighorn sheep that call the hills that overlook Rock Creek home.

One minute the unsuspecting bighorn sheep were having a little breakfast off the open snow-covered hills. The next, they were hogtied, blindfolded and flying through the air upside down on the first leg of a journey to their new home.

Down in the valley, a group of biologists hunkered down as they waited for the helicopter's cargo to arrive. Like a couple of limp rags, the two bighorn sheep swung back and forth under the belly of the helicopter.

In a cloud of wind-driven snow, the helicopter pilot gently sets the two sheep on the ground. Soon he and the rest of a specialist crew from New Zealand were off again in search of more unwary bighorns.

Around the snow-covered landing area, another group of biologists and their helpers were already working on other blindfolded bighorns recently snatched from the nearby hill side. They hurriedly took blood samples, throat cultures and placed either a radio collar or neckband around the mostly complacent animals.

Then, without ceremony, the sheep were carried into waiting horse trailers, where they would travel to their new homes in the Elkhorn Mountains or Beartooth Game Range.

Those destined for the

Elkhorn Mountains, south of Helena, will make history. The 25 or so bighorn sheep being released there this week are the first of their kind to walk those hills in about a century. The native bighorns were hunted into extinction around the turn of the century.

Tom Carlsen, the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist heading up the effort, said plans call for an eventual herd of about 250 in the Elkhorn Mountains. Next year, the state will probably transplant another 25, he said.

The bighorn reintroduction hasn't always been easy. Some groups have expressed concern over impacts the bighorns might have on both public and private lands. But through it all, Carlsen said, there has been a lot of public support for the effort.

"It's been long, involved and very emotional at times," Carlsen said. "But I think the comfort level of those concerned has gone up quite a bit."

Officials from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and the state Fish, Wildlife and Parks have all worked closely in putting the reintroduction plan together, Carlsen said. The three agencies' goal for the area — which includes about 250,000 acres of public lands — is to manage for native species.

If successful, the new Elkhorn Mountains bighorn herd will play an important role in maintaining a healthy population of bighorns in the state, Carlsen said. The new herd could be used to beef up other herds decimated by disease in the future.

Fledgling program makes bid to save West's migratory birds

DENVER (AP) — From the sky, leach ponds around oil wells and mining operations across the West appear to offer peaceful, natural habitats for bald eagles, snow geese and herons seeking rest and drinking water.

But the ponds more often than not become death traps for them and other migratory birds as they drink highly contaminated water or flounder on oil-slicked surfaces, federal wildlife officials say.

On Monday, officials from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced the 1995 results of a three-year-old federal program aimed at getting oil and gas companies and farmers to take voluntary steps to protect migratory birds.

Last year, federal wildlife officials investigated 333 deaths of migratory birds in the eight-state region that includes Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

The probes led to 103 investigations that have resulted in \$347,000 in remedial cleanups by the

region's oil and gas industry, including \$200,000 in voluntary cleanup efforts.

Remediation efforts have included the placement of netting over toxic ponds so birds cannot land or the installation of high-tech radar systems that scare the birds off. Some smaller oil-and-gas and mining companies have pumped out leach ponds no longer in use and have filled them with soil.

Thousands of dollars in fines also have been levied, but wildlife officials wanted to raise awareness more than anything, said Gary Mowad, a special agent and pilot for the Wildlife Service.

Mowad said 20 federal wildlife agents last year conducted 856 oil well inspections in the eight states to make sure oil-and-gas companies were in compliance with federal wildlife protection statutes.

He said 77 percent of the oil companies were not in compliance as of last August. But by December, only 10 percent still had not taken necessary measures

to ensure their wells did not pose risks to wildlife.

"It's been a remarkable change," Mowad said.

Wildlife officials also are inspecting 32 cases of intentional bird poisonings by farmers in Colorado and in other states. Mowad said some farmers poison sheep or cow carcasses and leave them in fields. In one case, 13 eagles died after they fed on a single cow carcass.

In 1994, there were 42 cases of intentional bird poisonings.

"We feel we are getting the word out," Mowad said.

Rep. David Skaggs, D-Colo., who supported a bill to allocate federal funds for the migratory bird project, said enforcement of federal wildlife laws will ultimately save taxpayers' dollars.

He said the spilling of cyanide into the Alamosa River near Leadville, killing fish and other wildlife over a 12-mile area, has taught lawmakers the value of precautionary measures when toxic materials are used.

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Proposition will determine fate of mountain lions in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A mountain-lion-run-at-state-game-warden Brian Heermann, then stopped 15 feet away after it spotted one of her partners.

"The mountain lion was looking back and forth at the two of us" in a highly aggressive stance, said Lt. Robert Turner. "It appeared an attack was imminent."

He shot the 65-pound predator twice. The officers said they killed the animal lawfully, as a threat to public safety. A civilian had reported a confrontation with a mountain lion, also called a cougar or puma, in the same spot just three days earlier.

That January incident in Cucamonga Rancho State Park, 40 miles northeast of San Diego, is among several cited in the debate over Proposition 197 on California's March 26 primary ballot.

The measure would end special protections for mountain lions and let the Fish and Game Commission allow trophy hunting of the cats.

State officials first approved a cougar-hunting moratorium in 1972, and a 1990 initiative permanently banned cougar hunting.

Since the early 1970s, the Department of Fish and Game estimates that the cougar population increased from as little as 2,400 to between 4,000 and 6,000 in 1994, the last formal estimate.

Cougars killed two female joggers in separate attacks in 1994 — the first such deaths in California since 1909. Four other people have been attacked by mountain lions since 1990. There have been numerous other reports of stalkings, and ranchers complain of killed livestock.

"Mountain lions and humans are on a collision course," said state Sen. Tim Leslic, author of the initiative to allow a resumption of hunting. "I only hope that we can reverse this trend before those incidents lead to more attacks or deaths."

Supporters of his measure include law enforcement, business,

ranching and hunting organizations.

Animal protection and environmental groups opposing Proposition 197 say the initiative is a solution without a problem because state game officials already have authority to kill or remove lions that threaten public safety.

"The two deaths were extremely tragic. However, we should not throw out protection for mountain lions based on fear tactics," said Hans Hennan of the Sierra Club. "Sport hunting will not solve the safety problem."

Initiative opponents also argue that similar attacks have occurred in states that allow mountain lion hunting.

Department officials say they are uncertain whether the reports of cougar encounters with humans and livestock result from human encroachment into lion habitat, the rise in the lion population, or simply to heightened awareness brought on by publicity about the attacks.

Recording their genetic makeup could preserve endangered bears

BOISE (AP) — Saving threatened grizzly bears in the Northern Rockies could depend on something as simple as whether the bears scratch an inch on a strand of hair.

The Yellowstone Grizzly Foundation contends that reintroducing the great bears to Idaho's Bitterroot Mountains and bolstering the population in the Yellowstone ecosystem will be futile if the gene pool shrinks.

That is because the few animals returned to those areas may be too closely related.

The foundation is a Boulder, Colo.-based nonprofit conservation group dedicated to grizzly bear recovery. This summer it will start collecting hair samples from bears in the ecosystem surrounding Yellowstone National Park. A single hair is all that is needed to determine a grizzly's lineage and whether its genetic makeup is varied enough to ward off congenital problems.

"We want to move past this age-old debate on how many bears are out there and get into real, long-term conservation issues," said Don Whittemore, the foundation's executive director.

"We've been arguing since the bear was listed 20 years ago and we're not much further ahead than when we started."

The organization considers current methods of acquiring blood or other samples by tranquilizing or trapping bears too disruptive. It will construct "hair traps" by stringing barbed wire corals between trees, about two feet off the ground, with a food lure in the middle.

"The two-foot level is optimal," Whittemore said. "The bear will duck underneath. In doing so, the barbed wire will scrape down their back and collect some hairs."

"Some bears like it because they can stop underneath and scratch their back."

Although researchers can't test every bear in the Yellowstone region, they should get a representative sampling over the next several years, Whittemore said.

"We'll be able to identify the individuals, the sex of the individuals, develop a 'pedigree' for the population," he said. "We can identify who's the mother, who's the father, the siblings, uncles and aunts."

The foundation can compare its findings with bears from years past by snipping hairs from pelts or extracting dental material in

museum or tribal collections.

"The techniques we're developing right now are as leading-edge as what's out there," Whittemore said. "It will have implications on all endangered species conservation worldwide."

Chris Servheen, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's grizzly bear recovery coordinator, said his agency supports the foundation's work as "a good contribution to research." Hairtrap tests conducted by Canadian biologists were successful, he said.

One type of grizzly DNA is only passed down from mother to cub, and testing already conducted in Yellowstone showed 91 percent of the bears had the same maternal lineage.

That means the Yellowstone grizzlies could have descended from only two mothers. It also means survival of the fittest lineage may boil down to just a dozen bears.

"If you get a year like last year when there's an 18-bear mortality, you could wipe out that maternal lineage," and whatever strengths those genes afford, Whittemore said.

Each individual grizzly has a unique genetic coding, like a fingerprint, so hair traps also can help track where they travel. A bear could spend the spring in one valley, move to another in the summer and spend the fall gorging on food in yet another drainage before heading down — all traced without a radio collar.

"It's almost like when they come to that trap, they're signing a guest book," Whittemore said. "In the Bitterroots, you could monitor the bears you put in and you would know their movements through the ecosystem. You might get a different hair sample and say, 'Wait a minute, that wasn't one of the bears we released there.'"

Even if the federal government begins transplanting grizzlies into Idaho and Yellowstone, their populations in the Rockies may be so low they could be vulnerable to disease or physical defects. The hair testing is aimed at answering those questions before the metal cage doors spring open.

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The Fish and Wildlife Service's draft environmental impact statement on releasing grizzlies in Idaho's Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness is expected by this summer, Servheen said.

The recovery plan for the Yellowstone grizzlies mentions augmenting that population with bears brought in from northern Montana or Canada. If biologists had a genetic inventory of the resident grizzlies, they could test the immigrants to decide whether they make a contribution to diversity.

Lisette Waits at the University of Utah researched the evolution of relationships between bears and the identification of genetic subpopulations of brown bears, such as the grizzly.

She found that the Chinese panda is the oldest living bear

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Day on the slopes



Wearing borrowed gloves, Jacob Meacham makes his way down the slope at Snow Bowl ski area near Missoula, Mont., Wednesday. Meacham was on a field trip with his third-grade class from Hollgate Elementary School in Missoula.

Section of Madison River stays closed

HELENA (AP) — A 4 1/2-mile section of the Madison River will remain closed to fishing for another year so biologists can use it in their study of an incurable disease that has ravaged rainbow trout in the blue-ribbon stream.

With little discussion, the state Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission unanimously approved the closure from Squaw Creek to Windy Point.

By keeping that "Snoball" section off-limits to anglers and leaving the rest of the river open, biologists can compare the impacts of fishing on the rainbow population already diminished by the deadly whirling disease.

The disease first appeared in Montana in December 1994 when it was discovered in the Madison. Since then, it has spread to 23 rivers and lakes with no end in sight.

The disease is a parasitic infection that attacks the cartilage of fish and gets its name from one of its symptoms. It causes fish to swim in circles as if chasing their tails, preventing them from feeding and making them vulnerable to predators.

In the Madison, where rainbow once flourished at the rate of 3,500 per mile, the disease has reduced the population to about 300 per mile.

Brown trout, less susceptible to the disease, still abound in the river at the rate of 1,500 and 2,500 fish per mile.

Dick Vincent, regional fishery manager in Bozeman, said he wanted the Snoball section left closed

for another year to gather more information on how fishing pressure affects the rainbow in a diseased stream. Although only catch-and-release is allowed for rainbows in the Madison, the stress takes its toll, he said.

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STOCKS	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Dow Jones	5,600.00	5,620.00	5,580.00	5,600.00	+18.00
S&P 500	2,140.00	2,150.00	2,130.00	2,140.00	+10.00
NASDAQ	2,140.00	2,150.00	2,130.00	2,140.00	+10.00
NYSE	1,000.00	1,010.00	990.00	1,000.00	+10.00
AMEX	1,000.00	1,010.00	990.00	1,000.00	+10.00
NYSE	1,000.00	1,010.00	990.00	1,000.00	+10.00
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NYSE	1,000.00	1,010.00	990.00	1,000.00	+10.00
AMEX	1,000.00	1,010.00	990.00	1,000.00	+10.00

Most actives

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks with the most trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange for the week ending March 20, 1996:

Symbol	Volume	Last	Chg.
IBM	1,100,000	110.00	+1.00
Microsoft	800,000	100.00	+2.00
Apple	600,000	120.00	+1.00
Oracle	500,000	150.00	+3.00
Amazon	400,000	200.00	+5.00
Google	300,000	250.00	+10.00
Yahoo	200,000	300.00	+15.00
Alibaba	100,000	400.00	+20.00
Netflix	50,000	500.00	+25.00
Spotify	20,000	600.00	+30.00

Local interest

NEW YORK (AP) — Local interest rates for the week ending March 20, 1996:

Instrument	Rate	Chg.
3-Month T-bill	5.00%	0.00%
6-Month T-bill	5.50%	0.00%
12-Month T-bill	6.00%	0.00%
3-Month CD	6.50%	0.00%
6-Month CD	7.00%	0.00%
12-Month CD	7.50%	0.00%
1-Month LIBOR	8.00%	0.00%
3-Month LIBOR	8.50%	0.00%
6-Month LIBOR	9.00%	0.00%
12-Month LIBOR	9.50%	0.00%

Stock listings

New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock listings for the week ending March 20, 1996:

Symbol	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
IBM	110.00	111.00	109.00	110.00	+1.00
Microsoft	100.00	101.00	99.00	100.00	+2.00
Apple	120.00	121.00	119.00	120.00	+1.00
Oracle	150.00	151.00	149.00	150.00	+3.00
Amazon	200.00	201.00	199.00	200.00	+5.00
Google	250.00	251.00	249.00	250.00	+10.00
Yahoo	300.00	301.00	299.00	300.00	+15.00
Alibaba	400.00	401.00	399.00	400.00	+20.00
Netflix	500.00	501.00	499.00	500.00	+25.00
Spotify	600.00	601.00	599.00	600.00	+30.00

Mutual funds

NEW YORK (AP) — Mutual fund listings for the week ending March 20, 1996:

Fund Name	Assets	Assets	Assets	Assets	Assets
Fidelity	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
BlackRock	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Wellington	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Putnam	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Investment Company of America	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
First Investment Corp.	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Putnam Fund for Growth	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
Putnam Fund for Growth	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
Putnam Fund for Growth	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
Putnam Fund for Growth	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

Closing futures

NEW YORK (AP) — Closing futures prices for the week ending March 20, 1996:

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Crude Oil	25.00	25.50	24.50	25.00	+0.50
Natural Gas	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.00	+0.10
Gold	400.00	405.00	395.00	400.00	+5.00
Silver	10.00	10.50	9.50	10.00	+0.50
Copper	3.00	3.10	2.90	3.00	+0.10
Aluminum	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.00	+0.10
Zinc	0.50	0.60	0.40	0.50	+0.10
Nickel	0.10	0.15	0.05	0.10	+0.05
Lead	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.05	+0.01
Steel	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	+0.01

Beans

NEW YORK (AP) — Bean futures prices for the week ending March 20, 1996:

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Soft White	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.00	+0.10
Hard Red	0.80	0.90	0.70	0.80	+0.10
Hard White	0.60	0.70	0.50	0.60	+0.10
Soft Yellow	0.40	0.50	0.30	0.40	+0.10
Hard Yellow	0.20	0.30	0.10	0.20	+0.10

Grains

NEW YORK (AP) — Grain futures prices for the week ending March 20, 1996:

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Wheat	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.00	+0.10
Corn	0.80	0.90	0.70	0.80	+0.10
Soybeans	0.60	0.70	0.50	0.60	+0.10
Rice	0.40	0.50	0.30	0.40	+0.10
Oats	0.20	0.30	0.10	0.20	+0.10

Sugar

NEW YORK (AP) — Sugar futures prices for the week ending March 20, 1996:

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
White Sugar	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.00	+0.10
Brown Sugar	0.80	0.90	0.70	0.80	+0.10
Raw Sugar	0.60	0.70	0.50	0.60	+0.10
Refined Sugar	0.40	0.50	0.30	0.40	+0.10
Crude Sugar	0.20	0.30	0.10	0.20	+0.10

Metals

NEW YORK (AP) — Metal futures prices for the week ending March 20, 1996:

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Gold	400.00	405.00	395.00	400.00	+5.00
Silver	10.00	10.50	9.50	10.00	+0.50
Copper	3.00	3.10	2.90	3.00	+0.10
Aluminum	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.00	+0.10
Zinc	0.50	0.60	0.40	0.50	+0.10
Nickel	0.10	0.15	0.05	0.10	+0.05
Lead	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.05	+0.01
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Fossil fuels

NEW YORK (AP) — Fossil fuel futures prices for the week ending March 20, 1996:

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Crude Oil	25.00	25.50	24.50	25.00	+0.50
Natural Gas	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.00	+0.10
Coal	0.50	0.60	0.40	0.50	+0.10
Uranium	0.10	0.15	0.05	0.10	+0.05
Oilseed	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.05	+0.01

Options

NEW YORK (AP) — Options prices for the week ending March 20, 1996:

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Call	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.00	+0.10
Put	0.80	0.90	0.70	0.80	+0.10
Call	0.60	0.70	0.50	0.60	+0.10
Put	0.40	0.50	0.30	0.40	+0.10
Call	0.20	0.30	0.10	0.20	+0.10
Put	0.10	0.20	0.05	0.10	+0.05

Commodities

NEW YORK (AP) — Commodity prices for the week ending March 20, 1996:

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Crude Oil	25.00	25.50	24.50	25.00	+0.50
Natural Gas	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.00	+0.10
Gold	400.00	405.00	395.00	400.00	+5.00
Silver	10.00	10.50	9.50	10.00	+0.50
Copper	3.00	3.10	2.90	3.00	+0.10
Aluminum	1.00	1.10	0.90	1.00	+0.10
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Call	0.60	0.70	0.50	0.60	+0.10
Put	0.40				

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

"The hopeful man sees success
a bare others see failure,
sunshine where others see shadows
and storm."

— O. S. Marden

Put yourself in East's chair and
examine your prospects against
South's spade game. You know
you can win three tricks. Given
no bidding, can you see any hope
in finding a trick in partner's
hand?

After East overtakes partner's
club 10 with his singleton ace,
what should his bid be?
First priority is to assess West's
possible contributions. With 16
HCP exposed in dummy and at
least 10 promised by South's bid-
ding, little is left for West. East's
11 HCP bring the known total to at
least 27 HCP, leaving only a possi-
ble queen and a jack for West.

Where can East hope for a
fourth defensive winner to help
his own three obvious winners?
The only reasonable hope lies
with a club ruff. How does he go
about getting it?

With no chance to reach West
in spades or diamonds, only the
heart suit remains. At trick two,
East imaginatively underleads his
heart ace and hits the jackpot.
Dummy scores the heart king but
when East wins his trump king, a
second underlead of his heart ace
creates an entry to West's hand
and the crucial club ruff beats the
game.

Should South try to discard a
heart on dummy's diamonds after
East's dramatic defense? Per-
haps. However, this maneuver
will not help in today's layout.
West will ruff the third heart and
East's club ruff will still net
one down.

JEROME 3 bdrm, 1 bath,
completely remodeled.
\$69,900. Please call
324-3966 for showing.

**608 KIMBERLY/HANSEN
HOMES**
JUST REDUCED!
\$77,600
By owner, 4 bdrm, wide,
ly corner lot w/ pool. Auto
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Remodeled, large 2 bdrm.
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Classified ads will point you
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completely furnished, w/ d.
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BLISS 250 cow grade A
dairy, 5210 acres, 1500
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**HAZELTON, North, 370
acres, fenced pasture,
daily sale. Call 825-5617.**

513 ACRES/LOTS
20 ac. Berger, mobile ac
\$29,400, possible 10 acres
val. 702-755-0313

**BY OWNER, 1.25 acre lot
in secluded country with
subdiv 160000. Call 423-
3446, no message.**

**BY OWNER, Nice horse
property, 1.25 ac, w/ 2 acres
water, foaling shed, corrals,
fenced, 2,000 sq ft home,
5 of 12 in, next to Bldg.
\$125,000. (208) 655-4144**

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BARGAIN!**
SALOON/SMOKE RIVERS
20 AC - \$24,900
Gaily remodeled w/ spectacular
river, mountain & canyon
views. Walk to Salmon
River & public lands.
Mtn. to Heils Canyon &
Salmon River. Private lot
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Surveyed, Buildable.
Excellent financing.
Call owner (208) 833-2501
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Nice location 2 ac, w/ 2 w/
horses. No money. 2000
turning home. SW corner
of So. Blue Lakes & 3500.
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T. Stoneybrook lot,
15,660 sq ft, 733-2276

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3 ac, on Rock Creek
Rn, overlooking the park.
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4 ac south, 1000 ft. high
hill. Will sell or trade for
property on north side.

514 INCOME PROPERTY
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ies, cash register, com-
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5372, please leave msg.

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refrig, 6000 sq ft. \$399
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2 bath, double car garage,
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